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£20,000 DRIVE TO FUND OP FOR EVIE

LIFE-CHANGING surgery for cerebral palsy sufferer Evie-Lou Harrington is being switched to America with fundraisers now working against the clock.

For the last 12 months family members and supporters had a £30,000 target for the 'Evie's Dream' fund but with that goal now achieved they need another £20,000.

Evie-Lou, from Llangynog, who celebrated her fifth birthday on November 5, has severe cerebral palsy and is unable to stand or walk.

She is to undergo an operation called selective dorsal rhizotomy – a neurosurgical technique used to treat spasticity and provide increased muscle tone in the lower limbs.

Plans for the operation to go-ahead in Bristol have been hit by a growing waiting list and the fact that the youngster's condition is changing.

"Evie now needs hamstring and calf lengthening operations too as she is growing all the time and that means we can't wait the 10-12 months for the operation in this country," said her mother Donna Henderson.

"She is booked to have the operation at the St Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri in February so we have until the end of January to raise the extra money.

"We need to pay £45,000 for the operation, which now also includes hip surgery, and a further £5,000 for the follow-up procedures such as physiotherapy.

Supportive

"People have been unbelievably supportive," she said. "We received a cheque for £3,000 this week and that took us over the £30,000 target we had originally set.

"I can't thank people enough for their support. This operation will change the quality of Evie's life completely."

Evie-Lou was diagnosed at the age of 20 months when her parents Donna Henderson and Paul Harrington became increasingly concerned about her slow development.

The procedure requires intensive post-operative physiotherapy and neither the operation nor physiotherapy are generally available on the NHS.

Communities and organisations have been organising fundraising events for the last 12 months. Events taking place in the next month include a fundraiser at St Martins, a Snowdon walk, a childrens' wellie walk in Oswestry and a sponsored walk around Lake Vyrnwy.

"We are now within touching distance," said Donna. "This just has to happen now."

In preparation for the trip the Ysgol Penant, Penybontfawr pupil has been travelling to Scotland for regular sessions w to help strengthen her condition.

If you wish to donate to the fund visit http://www.justgiving.com/EviesDream, Text EVIE50 £? up to a maximum of £10 to 70070 or visit http://www.eviesdream.org/

Evie-Lou with mum Donna Harrington. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Plans for a bigger parade as 40 sign up

OSWESTRY'S Christmas parade on Saturday is expected to be the biggest one yet with more than 40 groups already signed up to take part.

Thousands of people are expected to line the streets of the town centre to watch bands, floats and walking groups marching past from 11am.

It is organised by The Borderland Rotary Club which hopes to see many more organisations, groups, clubs and charities take part.

Rotarian Jonathon Jones said: "We hope that this year could be the biggest parade yet.

"Last year was fantastic and this year could be even better."

The route of the parade starts from the top of Victoria Road at 11am and travels along Church Street to The Cross. Here the parade splits and the walkers, bands and smaller floats continue along Cross Street while the longer floats go up Willow Street and along Castle Street.

The two groups will then join up again at the junction with Beatrice Street and Castle Street before going back to Cross Street, Church Street and returning to Victoria Street.

After the parade Father Christmas will be in his Grotto at The Willow Gallery in Willow Street.

Torch girl's lights role

OLYMPIC torch bearer Adele Nicoll will switch on Welshpool's Christmas lights tomorrow night.

The Welshpool High School athlete will flick the switch after a parade leaves the tourist information office at 6.50pm, led by Newtown Youth Band, and ending at the town hall where the lights will be switched on at 7pm.

Welshpool Town Council will host a winter festival on Saturday between 10am and 4pm with street entertainers and stalls in the main street and town hall.

EXCLUSIVE by Graham Breeze

£3.14m plans for school are unveiled

DETAILED plans for the building of Shropshire's first all-through school have gone out for public consultation.

The £3.14 million St Martins School campus will accommodate 210 primary aged pupils, 450 secondary age students and a 30-place nursery when it is built.

The school, which serves children aged from three to 16, actually opened in September after a controversial merger between the village's Rhyn Park secondary school and its Ifton Heath primary school.

But classes are continuing to run on both school sites until a new larger school campus is built on the Rhyn Park site.

Shropshire Council has now lodged a planning application for the new school which it hopes to have built and ready to open by September 2014.

A design and access statement submitted in support of the bid said: "The extensions will provide new primary accommodation – three classrooms, a nursery and children's centre – and a new main entrance and staff accommodation. In the centre of the school, located near to the halls, is 'hub'. This is intended to be the heart of the school and be used by all age groups. This will house the shared facilities such as the library, ICT and group working spaces."

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Council 'not to blame' for mud on roads

POWYS County Council has said 'don't blame us' for the state of our local roads which have become autumn hazards covered in mud.

The council admits it has received an unusually high number of complaints, due to the wet summer softening the fields, but insists the responsibility to clean up lies with the farmer, not them.

A spokesperson for the council said: "Powys is a rural county and it is inevitable that roads will get muddy, particularly in such a wet year. It is a farmer's responsibility to make sure they clean roads after themselves and most take that responsibility seriously.

"If problem areas are reported to the council or discovered by highway inspectors the council will ask the landowner to take action and if necessary clean the road. The cost of cleaning will then be passed on to the landowner."

One council worker admitted that it had become a 'headache' this autumn and said the council was taking some 'unfair flak'.

By law, any victim of a crash caused by mud on the road from agricultural vehicles could take legal action against the landowner.

But as one farmer told us: "Every farmer I know does their best to clean up but there are one or two cases spoiling it for the rest of us."

FIFA ruling hits league

SUNDAY football in the Oswestry area faces an uncertain future after a league was forced to cancel its entire fixture programme following a FIFA ruling on international clearance for players.

Already, the Black Lion Colts have resigned from the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League over the situation caused by a FIFA ruling while two other clubs, Oswestry Bell and the Oak Inn are contemplating their futures.

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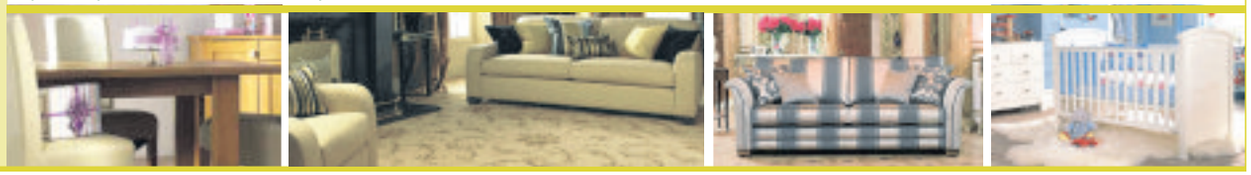

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Muslim centre plan at shop to cost £250,000

by Chrissy Symmons

A NEW Muslim centre planned for Oswestry will cost up to £250,000 to set up, officials behind the scheme have revealed.

Members of Oswestry Muslim Society have already raised about £70,000 towards the cost of converting the town's Oswald Road Fine Furniture store into a dedicated place of worship. And they hope to bring in further donations and raise more cash should their plans for the former 19th century Presbyterian church be given the blessing of planners at Shropshire Council.

It would end a 10-year wait by society members to find their own exclusive home. At the moment the society's estimated 70 members meet at Eastern Oswestry Community Centre for prayers every Friday afternoon and also for major religious festivals such as Ramadan and Eid-al-Fitr.

Plans for the Oswald Road site include turning two areas of the lower ground floor into toilets, a washing facility and a kitchen and the upstairs turned into flats.

George Miah, chief adviser of the society, said the full cost of transforming the store into a religious centre would be about £250,000.

He said: "For the past 10 years or so we have tried to get a place to worship. It could be a place for sharing viewpoints, cultural differences and understanding people.

"Our children and female members can get together and invite the community for a cup of tea and to share our views."

He added the society had members in Oswestry and surrounding communities including Welshpool, St Martins, Llanymynech and Chirk.

The current owners of the former church are looking to retire and the building is for sale. Shropshire Council hopes to determine the bid by January 11.

Police hunt armed duo who knifed their victim

POLICE have appealed for witnesses following an attempted armed robbery in Welshpool yesterday morning.

A man suffered knife wounds to his arm when two men demanded his wallet on the Montgomery Canal towpath close to Church Street car park at 5.50am.

The first man is described as approx 6ft 2in tall, of stocky build, wearing a blue beanie hat, a black Adidas jacket with white stripes and zipped up to his chin. He wore black trousers and had two moles/marks under his left eye. He spoke in English with a Polish accent.

The second man is described as approx 5ft10in tall, of medium to stocky build, wearing a blue fleece jacket, blue hat, and orange or tan docker boots.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or recognise men matching these descriptions, should contact police immediately on 101.

The public are advised not to approach any men matching these descriptions but call the police as soon as possible.

Stroke club's fundraising fair

MEMBERS of Oswestry Stroke Club had their Christmas fair at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry. Chairman Julie Conde had her hands full raising funds for the club.

Witness plea after houses targeted

THREE homes in the same street in one of Shropshire's market towns were targeted during a burglary spree over the weekend, it has been revealed.

The homes in Hampton Fields in Oswestry were broken into by intruders who caused hundreds of pounds of damage.

The first two break-ins happened between 4pm on Friday and 11am on Sunday and caused about £700 of damage.

The other incident is believed to have happened between 4pm on Friday and 11.30am on Saturday when intruders forced a window. About £200 of damage was caused.

Thieves also gained entry into a house in Shelf Bank Close between noon and 8pm on Saturday but it is not believed anything was stolen.

A spokesman for West Mercia Police said: "We are concerned about this spate of burglaries in Oswestry and would welcome any information which might assist our investigations.

"We are appealing to anyone who saw anything suspicious in the Hampton Fields area over the weekend, to contact Oswestry police station on 101."

People can also call the Crimestoppers charity number anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Church to host fun pub quiz

A PUB quiz will be held to raise funds for a church tonight (Thursday).

The quiz will be held at the Green Dragon, Buttington, near Welshpool, to raise funds for Cefn Chapel, Trewern, to add a new kitchen and toilet.

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Traders prepare for yule festival

TRADERS in Oswestry are preparing for the very first Christmas festival on December 15, organised by Oswestry Chamber of Commerce.

The festival is one of a series of fun-filled days and events taking place as part of the town council's wider 'Oswestry Christmas Season' to promote fun for all the family.

The aim of the Oswestry Christmas Festival is to raise the profile of the many different businesses in the town and to encourage the community to shop locally. It takes inspiration from the highly successful 'Take to the Streets' event which was organised for several years by Wendy Unwin of The Gates.

It is an opportunity for traders to put on a Christmas-related activity or offer which showcases their business on the day.

The chamber also organised a Christmas Window competition for local shops and market stalls.

On the day itself, there will be a Christmas Window trail for families to take part in. Each of the participating businesses will be donating a range of prizes and vouchers which will be presented to the winner. There are also other activities, including a 'Live Manger', an old fashioned merry-go-round, food stalls and choirs.

Farmers enjoy advice session

MORE than 70 farmers and landowners attended a talk by agricultural legal and financial experts from FBC Manby Bowdler LLP and Barclays Bank in Mid Wales.

The event was held at Welshpool Livestock Market and discussions included will-writing and pre-nuptial agreements about property and land.

Homes once dubbed 'Cell Block H' are snapped up

HOUSING at Weston Rhyn, once dubbed Cell Block H, has been transformed and is being snapped up by buyers and tenants.

The one and two bedroom maisonettes at Brookfields Close are on the market from £69,000 after the 32-home development was bought from Shropshire Council by Furrows Holdings.

Last year the housing on Brookfield estate in Weston Rhyn were condemned by council tenants who said they were living in appalling conditions with some of the homes so damp they have rotting window frames and mould growing on the walls.

by Graham Breeze

The estate was bought from Shropshire Council for £600,000 by Furrows Holdings, the property side of the Shropshire-based company best known in the area as a car dealership.

Furrows has since gone on to completely renovate the maisonettes.

Keith Stanton, from Furrows, said 12 of the properties already had people living in them.

"There will be eight more maisonettes finished by the end of the year and the final 12 by February."

Renovated

"They have been extensively renovated. Some internal walls have been taken out and we have replaced windows doors and the wiring and installed hi-spec kitchens and bathrooms. They are proving very popular."

Mr Stanton said the project had been welcomed not only by purchasers and tenants but also by the local community who wanted to see something positive done with the properties.

"We are helping to lift standards in Weston Rhyn," he said.

The new life for Brookfields was welcomed by local councillor Angela Bright.

"When Shropshire Council sold the development, which had the nickname Cell Block H, it was the best thing that could have happened in the area.

"I went to look at the properties last year and I was horrified at the state of them. I would not have let a dog live in them," she said.

Bus shelter to be replaced at cost of £4,000

COUNCILLORS in Oswestry have agreed to spend more than £4,000 on a new bus shelter in a bid to encourage more people to use public transport.

The bus shelter in Willow Street will be replaced with a new structure after members of Oswestry Town Council agreed to spend £4,714 on new facilities. It comes after councillors received a number of complaints about the state of the existing shelter, which has been targeted by vandals and has a leaking roof.

The shelter, which has been outside the post office on Willow Street for the past eight years, used to be the responsibility of Shropshire Council. But Oswestry Town Council agreed to take it on after the unitary authority offered a £3,000 capital grant to go towards bringing it back up to standard.

Town councillors hope the new shelter will be more robust and easy to clean. Officers are now working to get it installed and it is expected to be put in place by late January.

Martin Bennett, Oswestry town mayor, said: "The current shelter is in a pretty poor state and is very well used.

"I am pleased the council has agreed to replace it. Hopefully it will be more suitable and it will prove to be a great benefit to all those people who use it.

"It is a way of encouraging people to come into Oswestry if they haven't got transport of their own transport. Not everybody has a car and if we want to encourage people to use public transport we have got to make it as pleasant as possible."

Phone crackdown

MORE THAN 450 motorists in Mid Wales were caught on their phones while behind the wheel during a two-week crackdown.

Dyfed Powys Police said it stopped 972 people in the force area, with 454 in Powys alone during the campaign last month.

The All-Wales Anti-Mobile Phone While Driving campaign aimed to raise awareness among motorists about the real dangers involved when drivers break the law through phoning or texting at the wheel.

Club's boost for Hope House

At the Lion Quays near Oswestry, back to front, Sarah Elms, Kelly Goodall, Suzanne Williams and Michelle Bowen. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

THE Lion Quays Country Club has teamed up with local charity Hope House this Christmas.

By joining the club near Oswestry throughout December and donating a children's gift for Christmas you'll enjoy December free. This offer runs alongside the 'no joining fee' currently being promoted.

Sarah Elms, area fund raiser for Hope House said: "We are absolutely delighted that Lion Quays Country Club has given us this support at Christmas. We need to raise £4 million every year for local terminally ill children and their families. At such a special time of year, everyone involved with Hope House really appreciates this support and recognition."

Michelle Bowen, Country Club manager said: "The service and care Hope House provides for both the children and their families is immeasurable and we wanted to give them a gift this Christmas."

NEWS in brief

Drink-drive ban is handed to motorist

A WELSHPOOL woman who drove home after drinking a sherry and glass of mulled wine with her family in Shrewsbury has been banned from driving for 17 months.

Care worker Georgia Barton, 45, had been visiting her mother when she consumed the two drinks before driving home on the A458.

Barton, of Coed Y Bryn, Borfa Green, Welshpool, admitted a charge of drink driving when she appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday.

In addition to the ban, she was also fined £150 and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £20 victim surcharge.

The court heard that she was driving on the A458 at Middletown, near Welshpool, on the afternoon of November 2, when another concerned motorist called the police due to the 'erratic' driving of a Vauxhall Corsa,

Jeff Landers, for Barton, said that his client was of slight build and she could not handle her alcohol in comparison to other people.

Motorist fails to stop after crash

THE driver of a vehicle which damaged a parked car in Oswestry failed to stop after the incident.

It happened on the Welsh Walls on November 24 at 11.10pm.

A silver Ford Fiesta was struck by a passing vehicle, believed to be an estate car, which caused damage to the off-side wing of the Fiesta.

Anyone with information should call Pc Dan Turner on 101.

Window contest

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Football caps sell for £500

THREE Wales caps won by a 19th century footballer who played with the legendary Billy Meredith sold for £500 each at an auction in Shropshire.

The caps, which belonged to forward Edwin James, went under the hammer at Halls' equestrian, sporting and British rural art auction at the Welsh Bridge saleroom in Shrewsbury.

James was capped eight times for Wales – against England and Ireland in 1892-93, Ireland, England and Scotland in 1893-94, Scotland and England in 1897-98 and against Ireland in 1898-99.

by Iain St John

The caps which were auctioned were for the seasons 1893/4, 1897/8 and 1899.

James spent his whole 20-year football career playing for Chirk, near Oswestry, helping the club to win the Welsh Cup in 1892, 1893 and 1894.

He was still playing when a young Meredith, nicknamed the 'Welsh Wizard', made his debut for Chirk in 1892 before going on to star for Wales, Manchester City and Manchester United.

Born in 1869, James died on March 25, 1958.

The caps, which were entered in the auction by a descendant, sold to collectors from Shropshire and the Wrexham area.

William Lacey, from Halls, said: "It was pleasing to see the caps sold to collectors within the local area.

"We were delighted with the prices they fetched. We would like to thank the Football Association of Wales who helped us with the background on Edwin James.

"Football memorabilia does tend to do very well and the older the better really. Anything pre-second world war does well at auction."

Other football memorabilia included a framed charity cover for Shrewsbury Town Football Club, dated February 23, 1982 and signed by former players include current manager Graham Turner, Arthur Rowley and Peter Dolby, which sold for £160.

William Lacey from Halls with the caps.

Easy-graded walk planned

ON SUNDAY Gwyneth Prosser will lead Welshpool Ramblers on a seven and a half mile 'easy' grade walk in the Clunbury area.

The terrain will be meadows along the Clun river, quiet villages, a forest path and one short hill climb, near the beginning of the walk, to the summit of Clunbury Hill from which panoramic views are possible.

Walkers should meet at10.15am at the start point for the walk, which is the car park at Purslow Hundred House, on the B4368 between Clun and Craven Arms, or 9.30am at Church Street car park, Welshpool from where shared transport may be available.

All are welcome, but note no dogs allowed on the walk. Further information can be obtained on 01686 630572.

Advance notice is given of the final walk of 2012 which will be in the Mochdre area from Newtown.

Deadline looms for bid process

A RESTAURANT and visitor centre partly owned by Shropshire Council will have a new operator from next year, it has emerged.

The Boathouse, which is next to the Mere in Ellesmere, has been put out to tender by the unitary authority.

It means a single external operator will take on responsibility for running the venue on behalf of the council from April for nine years.

All contracted staff will be offered the opportunity to continue to work there under the new operator.

The operator is due to be approved by Shropshire Council's cabinet in February. Jointly-owned by Shropshire Council and Ellesmere Town Council, the Boathouse was extensively renovated and extended in 2009 and 2010 as part of a £1.6 million Heritage Lottery Fund-funded project.

Ann Hartley, Shropshire councillor for Ellesmere, said: "The Boathouse was recently refurbished and now offers a fantastic and popular restaurant, shop and visitor centre."

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Deadline looms for church to ask for repair fund cash

LAWS dating back to medieval times could mean landowners in the Oswestry area are responsible for the repair of its parish church.

The Charity Commission says the parochial church council of St Oswald's has 12 months to investigate whether there are still ancient 'tithes', an ancient form of tax, that need to be cleared up in modern day law.

And, while stressing that those now living on the land in the parish may be legally responsible, there are ways of ensuring that they are not suddenly faced with a large bill.

The vicar, Reverend Simon Thorburn, said: "It seems that in the Middle Ages while the congregation kept most of the church in repair, maintenance of the chancel, the part of the church at the altar end where the priest traditionally sits, was the responsibility of the parish priest. The priest could pay for the maintenance of the chancel out of the tithes paid by parishioners.

by Graham Breeze

"Often tithes were taken over by monasteries who then became responsible for the chancel. When the monasteries were dissolved by Henry VIII, their land passed to local landowners and they then received the tithes and so in turn became liable for the cost of repair to the chancel.

"Tithes disappeared years ago, but the Government has decreed that any claim has to be registered by October 2013 or else it will lapse."

Retired solicitor Michael Limbrey who has been helping the church said: " The Charity Commission says the PCC cannot give up the right to claim for chancel repairs without investigating it looking at old records to see what land had the liability."

Reverend Thorburn said: "I understand that it is possible to ask the Charity Commission to approve the claim being dropped but in a handful of cases we may have to tell the property owners that we will be registering a claim. That does not mean the owner is being asked to pay anything. As far as we know the chancel of St Oswald's is in good condition. The property owner is able to take out chancel repair liability insurance."

Students top public speakers

Roisin Ni Culchain and Amelia Adams-Davies.

TWO Moreton Hall students walked away from the Business and Professional Women's public speaking competition with awards.

The competition saw seven teams from schools in the area compete.

"It was a competition of very high standard," said Head of Spoken English Merriel Halsall-Williams. "We are delighted with the result as it means our team now goes through to the North West finals in February."

Roisin Ni Culchain was awarded 'best chairman' and Amelia Adams-Davies 'best vote of thanks'. "It was a great experience," said Amelia.

Holly goes for gold with club

A SIXTH form student is on the way to achieving her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award – with help from a local Rotary club.

Holly Jenkinson, 17, from St Martins, near Oswestry, who is studying biology, geography and geology at Shrewsbury Sixth Form College, was sponsored by the Rotary club of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) residential course.

Her participation on the course will go towards Holly's Duke of Edinburgh Gold which she hopes to obtain early next year.

"I would like to thank the Rotary club of Shawbury and Mid Shropshire very much for the opportunity – I benefited greatly from the RYLA experience," she said.

She described the course as 'hard but really fun and very worthwhile' and said it was 'difficult to say goodbye', but that the 32 on the course were maintaining contact with each other and hoped to meet up again in Telford at Christmas.

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NEWS in brief

Traditional Welsh service planned

AN ANCIENT Welsh tradition will take place in Llansilin next month.

The Llansilin Plygain will be one of the first traditional Plygains of the season when it takes place on December 7.

Reverend Kit Carter will lead the service at St Silin's Church from 7.30pm and will also take part in one of the singing parties.

A spokesperson said: "A most memorable part of this ancient Welsh traditional service is the singing, by the men only, of the lovely 'Swper' song before everyone adjourns for refreshments."

Seniors' club will enjoy carol service

OSWESTRY Senior Citizens' Club will stage a carol service at its Lorne Street base on December 5.

The service is being staged in partnership with Oswestry Day Centre, from 2pm, followed by tea and light refreshments. .

The club will hold a bingo session and draw on December 12 while its annual dinner and dance will be held at the Pedigree pub on December 18.

Society supper

LLANFAIR Caereinion Historical Society will be holding a Christmas Supper at the Black Lion, Llanfair, on December 5 at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Calls to name dog owners who fail to scoop the poop

MEMBERS of the public in Powys are being urged to name and shame irresponsible dog owners who allow their animals to foul in a town's main street.

The calls come from in Llanfyllin town councillors who have become fed up with the mess left on High Street by dogs.

They say a strong 'zero tolerance' stance is needed to bring the dog owners into line.

Councillor Peter Lewis, the town's Powys county councillor, said: "We really need to take a strong stance on this now because the situation is getting bad.

by Graham Breeze

"We need to name and shame the irresponsible dog owners, that is the only way we can stop it.

"We are asking the public if they see a dog owner allowing their dog to foul and then not picking it up to contact Powys County Council and give their names."

Councillor Lewis said the dog fouling was detracting from work by Llanfyllin Town Council to make the town more attractive.

The council has spent thousands of pounds developing a new car park and also a riverside tourist attraction.

Work is also going on to develop an area of land called Bodfach Field with plans including an orchard, the installation of sculptures, a picnic area and an amphitheatre to stage outdoor performances.

Councillor Lewis said: "The dog fouling does affect the town. It is a problem particularly in High Street and it makes the place look awful.

"Our local AM Russell George has called for changes to make it easer for councils to deal with it."

Mr George, Montgomeryshire AM, convinced the Welsh Government to review dog control orders earlier this month.

He called the current Welsh regulations 'prescriptive and onerous'. He pointed out that in Wales notices were required on or near every piece of affected land governed by a dog control order while in England the notices were not required.

Hospital gains from triathlon

FAMILY and friends of a Shropshire man who required specialist care after a horror road accident have thanked hospital staff by completing a fundraising triathlon.

Matthew Gordon, 26, of Maesbury, near Oswestry, suffered spinal injuries three years ago and was cared for by staff at The Midlands Centre for Spinal Injuries at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Nine of Matthew's family and friends completed a sponsored triathlon in order to raise money for the hospital.

The triathlon took place along the Montgomery Canal in Newtown, where they completed nearly 40 miles of bike riding, walking and canoeing.

In total, Matthew's family and friends raised a huge £1,400.

Since being discharged from hospital, Matthew has been coming back to the orthopaedic hospital for further treatment and physiotherapy.

Sky dive boost for cancer cause

Andrew Smerdon and Tim Hayward did a tandem sky dive from Tilstock for charity. They are seen here with their instructor Tony Lightfoot.

A 25-YEAR-old mechanic has hit new heights raising money for charity.

Tim Hayward, who comes from Llanrhaeadr near Oswestry, took part in a sky-dive at the Tilstock airfield near Whitchurch in aid of Cancer Research.

Mr Hayward decided to take part in the fundraiser after seeing how friends and family were affected by cancer.

His brother-in-law, Stuart Crosweller lost three close members of his family to cancer in just two years.

Mr Hayward said: "It was the first time I've done a sky-dive and I was a bit nervous. It was exciting. It was a nice view and I would do it again.

"It was a nice day too. In the morning we had to wait for the clouds to clear and we went up in the aeroplane at about 11.45am."

He said he was attached to an instructor for the jump.

Mr Hayward has so far managed to raise £420.

His sister, Nicola Crosweller, said: "Timmy has a really good heart and wanted to do something to raise some funds."

Window specialist helping hospice

SHROPSHIRE'S children's hospice is set to be benefit from a fundraising initiative by a Wrexham window company.

Window specialists Thermsure is giving away more than 20 surplus windows to the public in return for a donation to the Oswestry-based Hope House Children's Hospice.

The windows are oversized or incorrectly sized but are usable and safe, the firm said.

Jessica Ryan from the firm said: "The windows could be used by someone building an extension or doing some work.

"People can come and have a look at what we have from Monday, December 3 for a week from 9am to 5pm. We are in a small industrial unit on Rivulet Road in Wrexham.

"If they see a window which might suit what they are doing they are welcome to take it away. All we are asking is a bit of a donation to Hope House."

Society meeting

THE next meeting of Oswestry Recorded Music Society will be held tonight, Thursday, in the Parish Centre in Oswestry at 7.30pm when Graham Ladley will present a programme, Delius, Frederick or Fritz?

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Shoppers asked for views on the future

SHOPPERS are being asked to help map out the future of their town at a series of information gathering events.

Oswestry2020 is a project to create a town plan which will show the community's top priorities.

It is led by a community steering committee, with support from consultants, and held the first of a series of public sessions at the Morrisons and Co-op supermarkets yesterday.

Questionnaires were drawn up for the event and people were also given the chance to pin their views onto a display board and talk to members of the Oswestry 2020 team.

The results will be analysed and will form the basis of the Oswestry 2020 plan ready for its launch in April next year.

Councillor Martin Bennett, the Mayor of Oswestry, said: "We really need as many people as possible to fill out the surveys.

"We are now trying to arrange a drop in sessions at the library. Some people don't have internet at home so they can use one of the library's computers."

Today, Thursday there will be sessions at Sainsbury's from 9am-1pm and at the leisure centre in Shrewsbury Road from 4pm-6pm.

Further sessions will be held on December 1.

Crowds gather at canal for 200-year-old lock upgrade

by Andrew Morris

THEY were the motorways of the 1800s, transporting goods from one side of the country to the other as Britain was transformed by the industrial revolution.

But while the use of canals these days is reserved for holidaymakers and boat fans, hundreds of people flocked to Welshpool to see how £38,000 is being spent on upgrading the 200-year-old lock.

The Canal and River Trust said it was spending the money on the lock, which manages part of the Montgomery Canal, as part of a £50 million upgrade to waterways across England and Wales.

The gate is placed carefully in position watched by the construction team.

The trust has installed two new gates weighing 3.6 tonnes at the lock, which holds about 80,000 gallons of water.

Jim Forrester, partnership chairman of the North Wales & Borders region of the Canal and River Trust, said he was delighted that so much interest was shown in the lock, with more than 200 people in attendance at an open day last weekend

He said: "As part of its first annual waterway maintenance programme, the Canal & River Trust invited members of the public to a behind-the-scenes look at Welshpool Lock to see the work required to protect the 200-year-old waterway network.

"The open day gave the people of Welshpool the opportunity to go inside the drained lock chamber to learn about the breadth of experience and skills required to undertake the maintenance work, and how the lock gates are craned in and out.

"Powysland Museum, next to the lock, was also open on the day and ran heritage tours about local history."

The hidden history of the lock is being opened to the public this winter as part of the trust's £50 million spend on conservation and maintenance works across 2,000 miles of waterways in England and Wales.

To find out more, go to *www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/winter-stoppages*

Visitors are shown some of the old equipment at the lock by a member of the Canal and River Trust construction team.

One of the 3.6-tonne gates is lowered into position.

NEWS in brief

Three arrests over attack outside pub

THREE men have been arrested in connection with an assault outside a pub on the Shropshire/Wales border.

A number of people were assaulted outside the Dolphin Pub, in Ashfield Terrace in Llanymynech, at about 10.15pm on November 16.

An 18-year-old and 19-year-old were arrested on suspicion of affray and a 28-year-old was arrested on suspicion of assault.

All three have been bailed pending further inquiries.

Police are now appealing for witnesses to call Newtown CID on 101.

County band to release new album

A THREE piece band from Shropshire is releasing a new album on December 21.

The Black Dog album by AiO had been mastered by award-winning, London producer, Richard Lawson best known for writing music for James Bond computer games.

Band members Jamie Keeling, from Four Crosses, Al Roberts and Dave Goodman, from Bayston Hill, describe their music as 'Tronic'.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be held at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry on Saturday from 10am to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

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Final fundraising push needed for Evie's Dream

ONE final push is needed to help a five-year-old cerebral palsy sufferer's dreams come true.

The people of Shropshire and Mid Wales have raised over £30,000 in the last year to help send Llangynog youngster Evie-Lou Harrington for life-changing surgery.

But with her condition changing as she grows – and with a 12-month UK waiting list – Evie needs to go to America for major surgery and so family and supporters must raise an extra £20k by the end of January.

It's a tall order but there are already several events planned for the next few weeks and, with the finishing line in sight, the Evie's Dream fund must be achieved.

Evie is a delight to meet and, while this operation will not cure her, it will improve her quality of life beyond all recognition.

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN
with Graham Breeze

Called selective dorsal rhizotomy it is a neurosurgical technique used to treat spasticity and provide increased muscle tone in the lower limbs.

She is booked to have the operation at the St Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri in February.

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CHARITIES in Wales are up in arms this week over plans that would see their business rate relief cut for High Street shops.

Several groups claim their shops will shut if the proposals go through.

A review proposed changing the relief rate from 80 per cent to 50 per cent and tightening eligibility criteria which would limit the number of premises eligible or limiting relief to one charity in a given area.

It will be devastating for many charities if they have to close shops and the move would see more empty town centre premises.

But the charities will get little sympathy from neighbouring retailers who are paying through the nose for rates and going out of business in droves. No winners here then.

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SPARE A thought for those living on flood plains as rivers broke their banks again.

It is a terrible experience seeing your home and possessions wrecked by flood water and the aftermath is horrendous. Now, to make things even worse, insurance companies are looking for every way possible to hold back badly-needed compensation.

A Government scheme enabling property owners in flood-prone areas to obtain insurance is in jeopardy as talks with insurers are at 'crisis point', their trade body has said.

The Flood Insurance Statement of Principles commits insurers to continue to offer insurance to existing customers where they are at significant risk, if there are plans in place to reduce that risk within five years.

Town hall chiefs have warned 200,000 are at risk of being priced out without a new deal being struck. Why bother paying insurance if this is the reaction when you need it most?

MP speaks out against state regulation of Press

by Andrew Owen

ENVIRONMENT Minister Owen Paterson has spoken out against the need for state regulation of the press, saying: "There is absolutely no need for it and the government should leave well alone."

The North Shropshire MP was speaking during talks with sister title the Shropshire Star's editor Keith Harrison to discuss the possible outcome of the Leveson Inquiry.

Lord Leveson is due to report his findings and recommendations today after a wide-ranging inquiry into press standards.

Mr Paterson, along with Telford MP David Wright, South Shropshire MP Philip Dunne and Glyn Davies, MP for Montgomeryshire, met at the Shropshire Star's Ketley head office to discuss possible outcomes from the report.

It was commissioned by Prime Minister David Cameron in the wake of the News of the World phone hacking scandal.

Lord Leveson and his panel of advisors heard evidence from witnesses including actors, politicians journalists and lawyers over 88 days, from November 14, 2011 to June 30 this year.

Lord Leveson's report is expected to include recommendations for the future regulation of the press – including both national and local newspapers.

This could include new statutory controls, an idea rejected by both Mr Paterson and Mr Davies, who said the press should be free of the state.

Mr Paterson, the Environment Secretary, said: "I'm reminded of the words of Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, who said in 1787 'Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.'

"I go along with that wholeheartedly."

And he added: "What happened with the News of the World affair was a matter of law, not industry regulation."

He said he could not think of "anything that would discredit politicians more" than to bring in state regulation.

At the Shropshire Star are, back from left, Keith Harrison, Shropshire Star editor, Jon Simcock, Shropshire Star deputy editor, Andrew Owen, Shropshire Star political correspondent and front, Owen Paterson, north Shropshire MP and Telford MP David Wright.

Lord Justice Leveson

Glyn Davies.

Mr Davies, MP for Montgomeryshire, agreed. He said: "My view is very clear that we do not want any form of statutory regulation." He said if politicians began regulating newspapers "it takes us on the road to a communist country". He said he did not think "politicians should have their hands" in any control of the press.

It is widely believed that Lord Leveson will call for a new press regulator backed by the law – although what that entails remains to be seen.

The inquiry was set up after revelations that the News of the World commissioned a private detective to hack murdered schoolgirl Milly Dowler's phone after her disappearance 10 years ago.

During the talks Star editor Mr Harrison said it was important to distinguish between the worst behaviour of the national press and responsible local journalism that kept people informed with news from their councils and courts.

He said: "It was good to have the opportunity to discuss this matter with our local MPs and we are grateful for their time.

"Fundamentally, we are opposed to any form of state regulation and believe that our journalists should be able to report without fear, favour or influence from politicians.

"We understand – and share – the public's anger over the disgraceful behaviour of some sections of the national press.

"But it is important to recognise that these incidents involved only a tiny proportion of Britain's thousands of working journalists. Their wrong-doing was not a matter of regulation, it was a matter of criminality and the courts are now using existing laws to tackle these incidents.

"A free press is the cornerstone of a free society and any form of state regulation can only undermine that principle."

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PROBLEMS WITH STAFF?

Q: I run a small business and, until recently, I have never had any problems with my staff. An employee of mine recently walked out and is now threatening to take me to an employment tribunal. I do not see that there is any merit in the employee's case but I have been told that I will not be able to recover my legal costs in defending the claim if his claim fails. Is that correct?

A: The information you have been given is fairly accurate. The general rule in the employment tribunal is that each party pays his or her own legal costs regardless of the outcome. That said the employment tribunal does have the power to award costs against an unsuccessful party in certain circumstances including the bringing of a misconceived claim. The power to award costs is rarely exercised. Recent statistics show that more than 180,000 claims were made to the employment tribunal between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012 but only just over just over 600 cost orders were made. However, 81% of those cost orders were made in favour of the employer. If your employee's claim is truly misconceived then you could also ask the employment tribunal to order that he pay a deposit into the tribunal in order to continue with the claim. That may be usually sufficient to deter an unmeritorious claimant.

It is the intention of the Government to introduce fees in employment tribunal proceedings next year. The fees will be payable by the claimant in the first instance. It is hoped that this will reduce the number of unmeritorious claims to the employment tribunal but whether it will actually do so remains to be seen.

Further information relating to this question is available from Nicholas Kennan, a Solicitor Advocate with GHP Legal. For information relating to any other legal matter please call GHP Legal on 01691 659194, visit www.ghplegal.co.uk or attend one of our FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday 12-3pm (no appointment necessary). GHP Legal holds the Law Society Lexcel Quality Mark Accreditation.

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Funeral date for ex-county landlord

THE funeral takes place in Australia tomorrow (Friday) of a former north Shropshire pub landlord who has died at the age of 58 after a long battle with cancer.

Robin Bell was the man behind a series of Irish bars across Shropshire and mid Wales called Brady's Bars.

He lived and worked in Shropshire for more than 20 years before emigrating to Australia in 2006.

Mr Bell became owner and manager of The Red Lion pub in Ellesmere and went on to develop and manage Brady's Bars in Ellesmere, Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Aberystwyth, Newtown and Wrexham.

He leaves behind his wife Lisa, children Andrew, David and Simon, step-children Joanne and Christopher, four grandchildren his siblings and their extended family.

Mrs Bell said: "He was well liked and respected throughout the community, in both countries, and over the years has raised money for various charities.

"He fought a long courageous battle with cancer."

Gallery taste of Bulgaria

ART-LOVERS will be celebrating Bulgaria on Saturday.

The Willow Gallery, in Oswestry, will be hosting a Bulgarian night with artist Jani Janush who will be talking about his art, Bulgarian food and wine on Saturday from 7pm-10pm.

A spokesperson said: "We are happy to welcome Jani Janush all the way from Bulgaria to give a special talk about the inspiration behind his art, his travels and Bulgarian culture. There will be an opportunity after his talk to speak with the artist whilst enjoying a glass of Bulgarian wine and music."

Bulgarian food will be available to buy. Tickets for Artists Talk, including wine and music, will cost £5. Call (01691) 657575.

Boost for fund

STAFF at the Applewood service station in Salop Road, Oswestry, raised £610 for Children in Need. The staff wore fancy dress throughout the day and some walked into the town centre to collect more cash.

Do not give animals as festive gifts

AS the festive season is nearly upon us, please remember not to give animals as gifts. Shelters become inundated with discarded, unwanted animals once Christmas Day is over and the reality of having a pet strikes home.

That cute kitten or puppy may chew your clothes or furnishings and 'toilet' in inappropriate places in your house.

She or he will grow up and grow old, and may, sadly, develop health problems that require expensive veterinary treatment. Rabbits – like cats and dogs – need plenty of space, stimulus, and companionship and often do not even like people, contrary to what you may think!

No matter how much you may want a cat, dog, rabbit or other animal in your life, it's vital to assess whether you have the time, patience, money, space and skills required – potentially for many years to come.

If you finally decide you can manage it, then please do not buy from a pet breeder or pet shop.

With so many animals already desperately needing homes in shelters across the country, it is imperative that you don't contribute to the problem by paying breeders to produce even more pets.

Make the ethical choice and adopt from a shelter or sanctuary instead.

If you would like more advice on this or other ways in which you can have a wonderful and compassionate Christmas, please contact Animal Aid for our Free Info Pack.

Thank you.

FIONA PEREIRA
Animal Aid

WE'RE not certain of the details of this photo but think that it shows youngsters from Bellan House, Oswestry, in the late 1950s, as it emerged around the time that Bellan House was planning a centenary reunion 12 years ago, and there was an appeal for old photos at that time.

We would all vote on issue of EU

THERE seems to be quite a lot of politicians amazed that the percentage of the population which voted for our new Police Crime Commissioners was only about 14.5.

On the day of the election I had two calls from the Conservative Party as to whether or not I was going to vote. My response was that it didn't matter who was elected because most of our laws come from Brussels.

If, when we voted, we had the confidence that the person or party we voted for would actually have any political clout and not be directed by Europe, the turnout would be much greater. We should have a vote on whether we stay in Europe or not.

K J GLOVER
Montgomery

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Brussels warning to UK over growing EU

"BRITAIN must pay more into an expanding Brussels budget or leave the European Union altogether," says the Polish European Union Budget Commission.

It is the best advice we have ever had from this patently failed union. The country now realises that the 17 eurozone member countries will always out-vote the 10 non-euro member states and that drastic measures must be taken.

Remember that there are eight countries waiting to join: Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, Kosovo, Albania, Macedonia, Turkey and Iceland. With the exception of the last two, all are as poor as church mice.

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Officer is taking on top role for show

A FORMER Welshpool police officer will retire from the force to become chief executive of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society.

Chief Superintendent Steve Hughson, who was based in Welshpool for a number of years, will retire from Dyfed-Powys Police in March to take over the society which runs the Royal Welsh Show.

Mr Hughson has been in charge of front-line policing for the whole of Dyfed-Powys.

A farmer's son from Newbridge-on-Wye, near Llandrindod Wells, he has become a well known figure throughout Mid Wales since transferring to Dyfed-Powys Police from the London Metropolitan Police in 1992.

John Davies, chairman of the Royal Welsh board of directors, said: "During his long career in the police service he has focused on supporting rural farming and his appointment brings sound management experience and vision to the helm of the society."

Magic play hits stage

A CHILDREN'S theatre company near Oswestry will be staging Papa Panov's Magic Christmas next month.

Members of Tanat Junior Theatre say the play is by children for children, but which adults will also enjoy.

The play by Paul Thain is based on a story by Leo Tolstoy and takes place in a small Russian village where Papa Panov, an old shoemaker, dreams that Jesus will visit him on Christmas day.

Performances are at the Green School Theatre in Llanrhaeadr on December 8, December 14 and December 15. Tickets are £3 for adults and £1.50 for children.

Medical focus

OSWESTRY'S Borderland Rotary Club's newest member was the group's guest speaker at its latest meeting. Dawn Miller told of her medical career. She started work at Guy's Hospital and subsequently worked for 17 years as a GP. She then moved to the DHSS. Borderland Rotary meets on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel.

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NEWS in brief

Disputed land to get £10k revamp

ONE of the most disputed patches of land in Welshpool has been saved.

The old tennis courts had become a car park in recent years but it decayed badly and a row over who was responsible resulted in its temporary closure.

But Welshpool Town Council and Powys County Council have agreed to revamp the site at a cost of £10,000.

It is believed Powys will foot the bill while Welshpool will manage the area. It is a decision that has pleased town mayor John Meredith. "It is an important facility," he said.

Tickets on sale for 1940s show

TICKETS have gone on sale for the next in a series of afternoon matinee concerts at Welshpool Town Hall.

Christmas with The Siren Sisters is a 1940s nostalgia show, styled on the Andrews Sisters, which will take place on December 21 at 2pm, with doors opening at 1.30pm.

Tickets are £6 each and can be bought in advance from Welshpool Jewellers and Flaunt It in Cumberland Place.

Carols cancelled

WELSHPOOL Town Council's Carols in the Corn Exchange on December 2, has been cancelled as being too similar to another event in the town.

Cyclists told to lock it up

CYCLISTS in Mid Wales are being urged to keep their bikes secure following a number of thefts in the area.

Dyfed-Powys Police said the theft of a mountain bike from a garden in Welshpool had prompted the force to issue guidance to cyclists to help them avoid falling victim to crime.

Sergeant Jonathan Rees, of Welshpool Police, said: "Police are appealing for witnesses or information to the theft of the men's Spirit mountain bike which is yellow and silver.

"It has a front suspension with yellow forks and black wheels with a slightly buckled rear wheel. The seat is silver and yellow and is rusting.

by Graham Breeze

"The theft happened some time between November 2 and 4 at an address in Salop Road, Welshpool.

"Keeping your bike safe is easy do, shouldn't cost much but will spare the expense and inconvenience of having to deal with a stolen bike. Just following a few simple steps will make it that much harder for thieves."

He said before people rode their bikes they should be registered at *www.bikeregister.com* mark their frame with their postcode in two separate locations, one of which should be hidden. People can also attach a 'Coded Cycle' label to reduce the risk of making a bike a target for theft.

Sgt Rees added: "Take a photograph of your bike and record your frame number and key details. This will help us to recover your bike if it is stolen. Whenever you need to leave you bike, make sure you lock it. Lock the frame and both wheels to a cycle stand or a strong immovable object, whenever possible, lock your bike in a busy, well-lit and CCTV covered area."

Young drivers face losing cars

SIX young Welshpool drivers have been warned they risk losing their cars if they are seen driving anti-socially again.

The action against the drivers was taken by police following complaints of anti-social driving in and around Welshpool. Particular concern was expressed about car parks.

Sergeant Jonathan Rees said: "As a result of these concerns officers have issued six young drivers with Section 59 Warnings under the Police Reform Act 2002.

"This means that should these drivers be seen driving in an anti-social manner again their vehicles can be seized from them.

"Together with partner agencies, we are going to continue to target this minority of drivers who use their vehicles in an anti-social manner and without consideration for other road users.

"I'd ask members of the public to report incidents of anti-social driving to Welshpool Neighbourhood Policing Team by calling 101."

Quiz cash for river fund

PROCEEDS from a quiz in a Welshpool pub will help a charity which protects the River Severn next month. The Smithfield Bell pub holds a quiz every Wednesday at 9pm. On December 5, 12 and 19 the chosen charity is the Severn Rivers Trust.

Getting crafty for aid appeal

The vicar's children at New Street Church in Welshpool recently made some Christmas decorations, to raise funds for Christian Aid. They were sold on Saturday at Church House in the town. Taking a look at their creations was church member Elsie Reynolds. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Santa is on track to help railway

STAFF and volunteers of the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway will soon be taking a break from a busy winter maintenance programme, to welcome a very special pre-Christmas guest.

Santa Claus will be travelling on the line for two weekends in December to give children a fun pre-Christmas treat. The railway's two weekends of Santa Specials are on December 15 and 16 and 22 and 23.

Children travelling on the line look forward to meeting Santa and his helpers, who join the train en-route. They then stroll the warm steam-heated carriages distributing presents to each child.

All trains run from Llanfair Caereinion, the journey taking around 45 minutes. Back at Llanfair afterwards adults will be offered a complimentary glass of warming mulled wine and every child a fruit drink, with a complimentary mince pie too.

The tearoom will be open for hot drinks and light refreshments and the railway shop open for snapping up last-minute Christmas presents.

This year the trains leave Llanfair station each day at 10.45am, noon, 1.15pm and 2.30pm.

Tickets cost £10.50 on the day per person, or £9.75 each in advance by calling 01938 810441 or at www.wllr.org.uk/santa.htm

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WELSHPOOL

Officers defend search tactic after drug seizure

by Graham Breeze

POLICE have defended their 'Stop and Search' tactic after a suspicious car passenger was found in possession of £2,300 worth of cocaine at Welshpool.

Dyfed Powys officers swooped on a vehicle trying to avoid them in Welshpool traffic and a subsequent search uncovered the haul.

It is the latest in a number of arrests made through the Stop and Search Policy which was introduced to clamp down on crime across the country's largest police area.

"This arrest shows quite clearly just how vital the power of Stop and Search is for us as a service," said Superintendent Huw Meredith.

"The police have the power to Stop and Search members of the community but only when there are reasonable grounds to do so.

"There are several laws which allow officers to stop a member of the public and search them, for example, if the search is related to the illegal possession of offensive weapons, controlled drugs, stolen property, or items which could be used to commit crime.

"But quite rightly, there are many restrictions placed on how the police use the power of Stop and Search. These are there as safeguards."

Other recent Stop and Searches have resulted in arrests for anti-social behaviour as well as catching underage youngsters boozing. It has also caught out travelling criminals looking to swoop on the area.

Eve toasts top cuppa

THE United Church at New Street in Welshpool holds a coffee morning every Monday from 9am. There's a rummage and bric-a-brac sale, as well as coffee and tea on offer. Taking a break is Eve Price.

Rock 'n' roll party night

TICKETS have gone on sale for a rock 'n' roll party night at Welshpool Town Hall.

The event will be held on December 22 at 7pm. Tickets are £8, from Welshpool Jewellers and the Tourist Information Centres at Welshpool and Mile End, Oswestry.

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Pie and a pint at farmers' meeting

FARMERS can enjoy a pie and a pint, and hear about the latest changes affecting the agricultural industry, at an information event near Oswestry tonight, Thursday.

Staff from property experts Balfours will outline various changes affecting farmers and landowners and the opportunities they offer at the event at The Sweeney Hotel tonight.

The function will take on Balfours' popular format of short presentations followed by a pie and pint supper, during which farmers can discuss how these issues may be of benefit to their own businesses.

Among the changes up for discussion are those following recent rulings by the Tax Tribunal. Trevor Sheard, Balfours farm business adviser, will illustrate how contract farming agreements can benefit businesses.

He said: "There are opportunities for new agreements but also catches which mean some current agreements may require revisions in their implementation to ensure they are fit for the intended purposes."

Balfours' Justin Stevenson will provide an update on the renewable energy opportunities that still exist with Feed-in Tariffs. He will explain that although the tariffs have changed the returns are still there.

Traveller home scheme at recycling centre scrapped

A PLAN to change Oswestry's former recycling centre into a home for travelling showpeople has been scrapped after the move sparked protests.

The application to regenerate the former recycling centre at Glovers Meadow on Maesbury Road was part of a project by Shropshire Council to develop gipsy and traveller pitches at three of its sites in the county. But the move provoked objections, including from businesses who are based on the industrial estate.

Shropshire Council's gipsy liaison service has now announced the bid has been withdrawn while it looks for another location.

by Graham Breeze

In papers lodged with Shropshire Council planners, John Taylor from the gipsy liaison service said: "After further discussion regarding this application a decision was made for it to be withdrawn and look for an alternative site."

Mr Taylor said he would keep planners updated on any possible alternative sites.

The plan would have seen a change of use of the land to provide a residential site for a local family of travelling showpeople, currently residing on a temporary site in Oswestry, but in need of a longer term base.

It was proposed to site a maximum of five static caravans or trailers, and additional touring vans would have been stationed there.

As well as providing a permanent home for the showpeople the move would have also helped Shropshire Council address a shortage of pitches for gipsies and travellers.

However, more than a dozen objectors voiced their concern about the plans.

Among the objectors was Simon Britten from The Little Food Company Ltd.

He said: "Can we not make a more sustainable use of a 5.5 acre site in the heart of an industrial estate? Please put it on the open market.

"This is an unacceptable proposal which will affect far too many people, business owners and employees alike."

Student Sam aces contest

PHOTOGRAPHY enthusiasts have taken part in the first Photomarathon to be held in Oswestry.

They were set the task of taking nine prize-winning pictures in just six hours. The subjects were kept a closely guarded secret before the event.

The Photomarathon competitors, all students at Walford and North Shropshire College, arrived at the Qube community building at 9.30am to be given three topics and two hours to shoot photos and get them downloaded from their digital cameras.

Organisers then gave them three more subjects and the process was repeated again at 1.30pm. The winner was Sam Vere, 17, of Llanfechain, whose photograph of an old, battered typewriter won first place.

The challenge was organised by the college and the Rotary Club of Oswestry.

Head of Art Steve Wright, said: "We were looking for people who could think 'out of the box'."

Swim club marks 20 years

Gill Cripps and Dorothy Thomas with the cake and members celebrating twenty years of the Disabled Swimming Club at the Oswestry Orthopedic Hospital.

A SWIMMING club which has changed the lives of thousands of people from across Shropshire and Mid Wales has celebrated its 20th anniversary.

The Disabled Swimming Club at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry began in 1992 to help patients who had benefited from hydrotherapy. It has grown over the years to now have members from as far afield as Ludlow, Telford and mid and north Wales.

This week the 20th anniversary was celebrated with a lunch and cake for the volunteers who run the club.

It was started by two physiotherapists, Gill Cripps, from Oswestry, and the late Doreen John.

Mrs Cripps said: "The response was really good and soon we had people referred to us from long distances.

"This year alone we have had 1,300 attendances from people both with both physical and mental disabilities."

The club has a dozen volunteers who give up time every Tuesday from 3pm to 6pm. The cost is £2. Members must be referred.

NEWS in brief

Workshops for lantern parade

THREE workshops are being held in Oswestry to allow people to play a part in what is shaping up to be one of the town's most spectacular events.

A lantern parade will be held for the first time as part of the town's Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Christmas Festival on December 15.

Lantern workshops are being run at Qube in Oswald Road on December 7 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm, December 8 from 10.30am to 12.30pm and on the day of the parade from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The workshops cost £3, call (01691) 656882.

School holds first French challenge

A SCHOOL has held its first French verse speaking competition.

Moreton Hall near Oswestry played host to more than 100 children from schools in Shropshire and Cheshire.

Head of French Lesley Eyre said: "We are host to the Shropshire Festival of Verse and Prose each year.

"We thought it would be fun to extend this to the French lessons."

Log cabin plan

A LOG cabin could be built in north Shropshire under plans submitted to Shropshire Council. The 6m by 10m holiday home would be built in Stanwardine Lane, Wykey, near Ruyton-XI-Towns.

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The food will be served to the tables, allowing diners to relax in the comfortable and recently updated surroundings of the restaurant which can seat up to 60 people.

Owner Danny said: "We're really excited to be opening our doors on Christmas Day. We are looking forward to sharing this special experience with our customers and friends. We are expecting it to be a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

"Chirk Tandoori prides itself on its great food and unrivalled customer service and we are hoping that we will make it a Christmas to remember for all our customers."

The restaurant celebrates its 20th anniversary in January and Danny says the secret is down to the emphasis on quality.

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Students hailed for success at ceremony

THE achievements of students at Shropshire's largest secondary school, both in and out of school, have been recognised.

North Shropshire MP and Environment Minister Owen Paterson was among more than 250 people who attended the Marches School's celebration in Oswestry.

The evening saw all Year 11 students from the previous academic year returning to the school to receive their GCSE certificates, as part of this prestigious event.

Parents, past pupils, staff and guests were treated to an evening of entertainment and celebration, with interval performances from the school choir, student band Silent Blackout and students Molly Birch and Kizzy-Mae Rowbotham.

Among the students recognised was Kelly Jansen, who won the Protocol Good Citizen Award, and Lucy Bates, who won the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Award for outstanding contribution to the health and welfare of others. Protocol is the school's main supplier of cover teachers.

Headteacher Sarah Longville said: "The Class of 2012 achieved our best GCSE results to date and the evening was a momentous celebration of their hard work and determination."

Agent attacks homes plans letter-writing campaign

DEVELOPERS behind controversial plans to build affordable homes in a picturesque canalside village say an 'orchestrated' mass letter-writing campaign does not prove the majority of residents are against the plan.

Nearly 70 objections have been lodged against the bid by applicant Mr P Speake to build seven homes, including three affordable properties, in Chirk Bank.

Many of the objectors signed a pre-written letter of objection put together by the Chirk Bank Community Group which opposes the plan.

by Graham Breeze

Copies of the letter was posted through homes in the village and residents were urged to sign it and send it in to Shropshire Council as their own individual objection.

Members of the community group are worried about the impact more homes would have on the village and say the letter campaign proves that at least a third of villagers are against the bid.

But planning agent Gavin Porritt, on behalf of the applicant, has written to Shropshire Council planning bosses in response to the letter campaign, saying the dozens of objections did not mean the community was against the bid.

He said: "A total of 69 objections have been received to the application, in the form of a 'circular' letter which we understand was delivered to all properties in the village.

"There are a total of 221 properties in the village, so over 150 households have not responded to the circular letter.

"We assume therefore that nearly 70 per cent of the village either have no strong view about whether the development happens, or they support it."

Mr Porritt added: "In conclusion, whilst there has been 'orchestrated' objection to this application, the benefits of the scheme are clear for all to see."

The planning agent said there was a 'very good case' for the development.

Commissioner's vow over safety

THE new Police and Crime Commissioner for Mid Wales has vowed the area will remain one of the safest in England and Wales.

Conservative Christopher Salmon was elected commissioner of Dyfed Powys Police last Friday and started work last Thursday.

Mr Salmon, who narrowly defeated Labour candidate Christine Gwyther in a two-horse race, said he was enthusiastic about taking on the role.

Meanwhile, Gwyn Hopkins, outgoing chairman of the force police authority, which the commissioner has replaced, said: "Thanks to the hard work of police officers and police staff, Dyfed Powys continues to be one of the safest places.

"The authority would like to wish the commissioner the very best in his future endeavours and we hope the people of Dyfed Powys continue to receive a high quality policing service that provides value for money."

Red-faced Simon's secret diet

Simon Hayman before his diet

Simon shows off his weight loss.

WHEN Simon Hayman saw his weight creep up to 19 stone he decided he had better do something to get fit.

The 24-year-old from Oswestry bought a treadmill to use at home, but when it was delivered he discovered he was over the 18 and a half stone limit to use it.

He was so embarrassed he went on a secret diet and lost five stones in just eight months after subscribing to the Diet Chef plan to help shed the weight.

"It took some willpower for the first couple of weeks but then I got into the regime and felt great about it. I was eating more meals a day than before I was dieting, they were just sensible portions and healthier."

Council's upgrade for area's lighting

STREET lights in Powys will be upgraded to LED lights as part of a new county-wide management policy approved by the county council's cabinet.

The move, which will see improvement work continue until November 2013, will see the county reduce the total cost of street lighting but maintain standards.

Cabinet members have agreed plans to buy new LED lights to replace existing street lights and restore lights previously switched off when they adopted a new county-wide policy of street light management.

Cabinet Member for Local and Environmental Services, Councillor Barry Thomas said: "The council has been using a number of methods including part-night lights, LED lights and turning off lamps to reduce the impact of energy cost increases and cut our carbon footprint.

"The new policy limits the energy used to that of September 2008.

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Grandmother wins her unfair dismissal case

Lin Swannick has won her case against Morda Pre-School Committee.

AN OSWESTRY grandmother has won her unfair dismissal claim against a pre-school committee after filing a complaint against the way her redundancy was handled.

Lin Swannick, 60, represented herself at an employment tribunal in her battle with Morda Pre-School Committee.

Although she won her case, the grandmother, who has 27 years of experience of working in childcare, says the row has put her off working in the industry.

by Graham Breeze

Mrs Swannick, who was a care assistant at Morda Pre-School, was made redundant by in April after four years of service.

An employment tribunal last month ruled she had been unfairly dismissed.

The tribunal held at Shrewsbury, ordered the committee to pay her £177 in holiday pay.

Mrs Swannick said: "I was told in April I was being made redundant as many of the children at the pre-school would be moving to the primary school in the new term.

"I felt it was unfair because the children would not be leaving until July."

The pre-school operates independently from the village's primary school and is a charity run by parents.

Mandy Parker, who was elected as Morda Village Pre-School chairwoman in September, said: "We accept the finding of the tribunal and are currently in the process of updating our policies and procedure.

"We would like to point out that this was due to a change in the admission procedures in primary schools throughout Shropshire."

Insight on work of council company

PEOPLE will be able to find out how Shropshire Council's new company will work at a special meeting.

Details of the authority's IP&E Group Ltd will be heard at the next Ellesmere Local Joint Committee on December 6.

Tom Roehricht, who will earn £80,000 a year to head up the new venture, will be at the meeting which will be held at Welshampton Parish Hall, from 7pm.

Cash support for a variety of local community organisations will also be revealed at the meeting and future applicants are reminded that the closing date for the next round of grants is February 22.

Councils may lose responsibility for running schools

COUNCILS across Wales could lose responsibility for running schools as part of a Welsh Assembly review.

Powys County Council, which was criticised by inspection body Estyn earlier this month, could lose power over education along with all other local authorities.

Leighton Andrews, education minister, said a Welsh Assembly review into the local authorities had left him disappointed.

Mr Andrews gave a statement to the Welsh Assembly saying: "I have given local authorities time and money to get their house in order, but the evidence is overwhelming that this has not occurred."

He said the 'fragmentation' of education services with the creation of 22 councils in the mid-1990s was a factor behind a downturn in performance by pupils a decade later.

He said the Welsh Assembly launched a programme of reform in education following disappointing results from an international comparison of school standards in 2009.

Local Education Authorities have been grouped into four regional consortia that have been charged with a responsibility to improve schools. They have been up and running since September, but Mr Andrews told the Senedd chamber that 'overall progress is, to put it mildly, patchy'.

Powys County Council said it would not be commenting individually on the statement, but the The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) said it was 'vehemently opposed' to removing education from councils and that recently-introduced changes need time to bed in.

Bob Wellington, WLGA leader, said: "This will fundamentally damage the principle of local democratic control and accountability, and undermine the ability of local communities to shape the educational future of young people."

Two weeks ago, Estyn told Powys County Council to make 'significant improvement' to its education service. It has been monitoring the council since February 2011.

Food bank helpers to seek extra donations

VOLUNTEERS from a food bank in Oswestry will be visiting supermarkets across the region to try and bolster their stocks with donations in time for Christmas.

Oswestry and Borders Food Bank has fed more than 700 people since it started in November 2011.

On Saturday and Sunday volunteers will visit Tesco stores in Ellesmere, Welshpool and Shrewsbury to collect more food.

The supermarket giant is running a Help Feed People In Need event which is taking place at its stores across the West Midlands. It is hoped this will help provide food for thousands of people over the festive period in what organisers believe could be the biggest food collection appeal in the UK.

Phil Simpson, Oswestry and Borders food bank chairman, said: "This Christmas will be tough for many local people so the Oswestry and Borders food bank is delighted to be part of Tesco's Help Feed People in Need appeal. We're hoping that many local people will donate at a Tesco store to help stop people going hungry in the Oswestry and borders area this Christmas."

Philip Clarke, chief executive of Tesco, said: "We recently held some local food collections and were overwhelmed by the support from our customers, who have shown incredible generosity.

"I hope they'll support the biggest ever food collection in the UK and help us to feed hundreds of thousands of people in need."

Volunteers at Oswestry food bank say they have given away six tonnes of food over the year.

Shrewsbury Food Bank, based at the Barnabas Community Church in Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury, is dealing with about 30 families a week.

A scheme run by churches in Ludlow say they also expect to hand out a record number of food parcels this year.

Revamped chapel to reopen

AN 1862 listed chapel in Oswestry which has undergone a two-year revamp is due to open to the public early next month.

For the last two years Duncan Kerr has been working to change Hermon Chapel, in Chapel Street, from a place of worship into a centre to provide entertainment for the community. The centre will reopen as 'Hermons' on December 1 when it will host a green fair from 10am and a musical event after dark.

Mr Kerr said: "It is going to be called Hermons to retain its link with the past. It's official opening is on December 1 and on December 8 at 7.30pm there will be music by Little Red Bird. People will be able to experience what music sounds like in Hermons.

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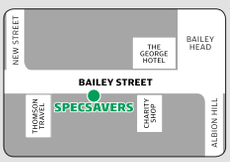

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Stable scene attracts garden centre visitors

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The donkeys will be arriving on December 8 at 11am and a stable has been created in the plant area awaiting the donkey's arrival.

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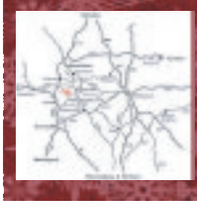

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NEWS in brief

Club announces extension plans

OSWESTRY Cricket Club has announced plans to extend its clubhouse to increase the number of functions it can accommodate.

A planning application has been lodged with Shropshire Council. A statement in support of the bid outlined details of the 70 sq m extension.

It said: "The proposed extension comprises of a members' lounge with a small bar leading into a cellar/store.

"The purpose of the extension is to provide an additional function room."

The club in Morda Road is now licensed to carry out civil marriage and partnership ceremonies.

The council hopes to determine the bid by January 15.

Country church given cash boost

A COUNTRY church has been awarded a grant to help the congregation keep warm in the winter.

Dovaston United Reform Church was given the £750 by the St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee. A second church, St Michael's in Llanyblodwel, was awarded £600.

Champagne gala

A CHAMPAGNE gala dinner will be held at Chirk Castle, near Oswestry, on December 13 as part of the property's Christmas costing £45 per person.

Ethical hairdresser Isolde's amazing life as a high-flyer

SHE was born in Zambia, grew up in Oswestry, worked in London and Paris during fashion week and now lives back in Oswestry running her own ethical hairdressing business.

Isolde Nicholson loves to be creative and says being a hairdresser links her two loves; fashion and music.

The 39-year-old runs 'Chongololo', a little boutique hair salon in Oswestry which she believes gives her clients an ethical experience with organic natural hair care and fair trade refreshments.

She believes this is an influence from her parents who came to the town in 1979 to help set up the Honeysuckle Wholefoods co-operative in Church Street.

Isolde's father had been a teacher in Zambia where the family lived until she was four years old. They then moved back to the UK

"I remember moving back to the UK and seeing snow for the first time when I was in Edinburgh. I remember being very cold."

Her school days were spent at Beechgrove Junior School, which is now Holy Trinity Primary School, and The Marches School before heading off to study fashion at university in Manchester at the age of 21.

"I love Manchester" she said. "I had some really good experiences there and I'm up there lots still. My course highlight was working in Paris and London during fashion week.

"I worked for John Galliano as a finisher and dresser during the London and Paris fashion weeks. It was really exciting."

During her time in London she helped to create a jacket out of sweet wrappers which appeared on the catwalk and is now being stored in the V&A gallery in London.

After graduation she returned to Oswestry where she worked for Lindstrand Hot Air Balloons Ltd, and was involved in the 'Virgin Global Challenger' project when Per Lindstrand and Richard Branson attempted to circumnavigate the world in a balloon.

"I was lucky as I worked on the project

WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE
with Chrissy Symmons

from very early on," she said. "So I got to see things from the drawing board right through to the launch in Morocco."

After the project she continued working within the hot air ballooning industry as crew for advertising campaigns including as Michelin and the Financial Times and was a member of the first all-woman hot air balloon team for Fairy Liquid.

She said: "This was a very exciting job as it took me to many interesting places around the world."

After her son, now 12 years old, was born she decided to re-train as a hairdresser at Oswestry and North Shropshire college, and then at Toni & Guy where she worked as top stylist.

She said: "Everything I use in the salon is recycled, fairtrade and ethical where possible. I have been brought up on good food and an ethical lifestyle and it felt only natural and essential to run my business this way.

"Working from home allows me to run a business and be a mum at the same time. It's worked out great and I am very pleased."

Isolde Nicholson who runs a hair salon called Chongololo in Oswestry.

Travellers' site plan opposed by council

PARISH councillors have added their voices to growing opposition to a plan to build a travellers' site near a Shropshire golf club.

Travellers Jerry and Michelle Berry are seeking planning permission to site a mobile home and a touring caravan pitch on a former rubbish tip opposite Henlle Park Golf Club in Gobowen.

The couple's bid is a revised application from one they submitted two years ago for a larger development. That was rejected by Shropshire councillors and an appeal was turned down by a planning inspector.

The new application is smaller, but has attracted further complaints about the development, which was started without planning permission in 2010.

Among the objections is one from Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council.

Clerk Penny O'Hagan said: "The site was, for a number of years in the recent past, used as an uncontrolled tip and various unspecified materials were dumped into the area which may result in the seepage of noxious gases etc which may be harmful to persons residing on the land."

The Berry family lodged the plans after claiming there was a shortage of sites in Shropshire. Shropshire Council hopes to determine the bid by December 10.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEIGHT LOSS TRIAL

miruji health&wellbeing

Miruji Health & Wellbeing, the company behind the successful Beach Spa in Shrewsbury are looking for 50 volunteers to take part in a 6 month Wellbeing programme, which they have previously tested on staff at a hospital in Norwich. Almost 90% of the participants taking part in the trial said that they felt better as a result of the treatment.

Other benefits participants reported was a reduction in levels of stress, better quality sleep, more energy and a feeling of wellbeing. Dr Nick Richards, an independent Consultant Occupational Physician and ex GP, will oversee a clinical audit of the 6 month Miruji Wellbeing programme, which is due to start in January 2013.

Dr Richards says, "the goal is to provide evidence on whether or not the Miruji therapy can provide help in reducing weight in the long term, with a preliminary clinical audit followed by a clinical trial. At the same time participants will be asked about the other benefits they experience."

Alan Sharrock, the owner of Miruji Health & Wellbeing who went on Dragons Den last year with his therapeutic massage chair says, "This is an exciting opportunity for local people to participate in a unique wellbeing trial.

What is also unique about this approach is the fact that it is a pleasurable experience. Massage is something that everyone loves. The Miruji Wellbeing massage chair delivers a massage experience that many people, including therapists say is as good as a hands on massage, at the same time as receiving a heavenly massage you will listen to audio programmes."

If you are interested in taking part in this trial, please call Becky on 01743 600581, to arrange a 1 hr consultation to see if the programme is suitable for you. There will be no charge for the people selected to take part in this exciting trial.

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Spacious barn conversion set in glorious countryside

On the market with Parry Lowarch for offers around £449,950, Graywill Lodge, Bryn-Y-Gwalia, Llangedwyn, near Oswestry, is an extremely spacious four-bedroom detached barn conversion in an acre of land, with a small paddock and magnificent views.

It has an entrance hall, main reception hall, living room, dining room, cloakroom with wc, large farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, four good bedrooms, ensuite shower room, family shower room, double glazing, electric storage heating, woodburner, ample parking and a detached double garage.

In more detail the entrance hall has a pine boarded floor, while the dining room has double French casement doors out to the rear gardens.

The further reception hall has a cloakroom off and the superb living room features a central chimney breast with woodburner.

The farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room is superbly fitted, including an electric oven and hob, with adjoining utility room.

Upstairs are four bedrooms, one ensuite, and a family shower room.

There is a good-sized paddock and attractive gardens including an original brick built dovecote and vegetable section with a greenhouse.

For further information contact Parry Lowarch on 01743 343343 or visit www.parrylowarch.co.uk

Contemporary home has been enhanced

Number 16 Aspen Court, Weston Rhyn, is a spacious modern bungalow that was built just 11 years ago and has been enhanced by its owner.

The detached property is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson with a guide price of £183,950.

It has an entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, large sun conservatory, three bedrooms (one ensuite), family bathroom, double glazing, cavity wall insulation, gas central heating, security system, garage and rear gardens with an extensive patio.

For details call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk

Roomy bungalow in desirable cul-de-sac

Standing within wonderfully mature gardens in a highly sought-after cul -de-sac, this detached property in Henlle Close, Gobowen, is a spacious three-bedroom bungalow.

The well-presented home is for sale through Mason Evans priced at £225,000.

It has an entrance porch, entrance hallway, living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, master bedroom with ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms, bathroom and garage.

For further information contact Mason Evans on 01978 800344 or visit www.mason-evans.com

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An attractive and extremely spacious, detached barn conversion, with uPVC DG, electric storage heating, wood burner, double garage, gardens and small paddock amounting in all to over one acre or thereabouts. Entrance hall, main reception hall, living room, dining room, cloaks/WC, large farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, large landing, four good bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family shower room. Occupying a delightful rural position set in the middle of its garden grounds, enjoying superb country views over the surrounding fields and beyond.

Guide Price: £449,950 2744

Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage with self contained annexe/garage block. Hall, living room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Parking, gardens extending to approx 0.6 acre including greenhouse and polytunnel. Occupying a pleasant rural location in the hamlet of Edgerley, about 12 miles from Shrewsbury and Oswestry.

Guide Price: £399,000 2717

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Guide Price: £395,000 2962

Haughton, Llandrinio

A four bedroom detached property offering good sized accommodation, having oil CH and pleasant rural outlooks to the rear. Entrance hall, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, dining room with inglenook fireplace, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, downstairs cloakroom, three good sized double bedrooms and one large single bedroom, and family bathroom. Situated with adjoining paddock extending to approximately 3.75 acres or thereabouts.

Guide Price: £350,000 1962

Berriew, Powys

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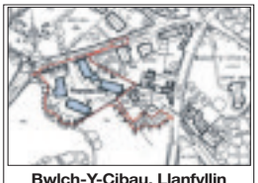
Guide Price: £315,000 3092



Bwlch-Y-Cibau, Llanfyllin

A development site extending to approx 0.6 acres with DPP for two 4/5 bedroom detached houses, one 4 bedroom detached house and one 3 bedroom dormer style detached house. Two of the resulting houses have gardens running down to Colwyn Brook. Planning no: P/2012/0047 Powys County Council. For further details, please contact Agents.

Guide Price: Offers over £300,000 3087

Bettws Cedewain, Newtown

An extremely spacious modern detached family house, with oil CH, uPVC DG, extra wide garaging, and gardens to front and rear. It occupies a delightful village location adjoining open countryside to the rear and only about 5 miles from Newtown, and ten miles south west of Welshpool. Impressive reception hall, cloakroom/WC, living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room opening into uPVC conservatory, and utility room, five bedrooms, two en-suite shower rooms and family bathroom.

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Guide Price: £299,500 3070

Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached country property with attractive garden and grounds set along the disused Montgomery Canal. Hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen breakfast room, back kitchen/utility, boot room, four double bedrooms, single bedroom/study, family bathroom, unfitted shower room. Three bay barn and store, small grass turnout paddock, garden store, ample parking. Occupying a tranquil position in this rural hamlet. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £299,000 2903

Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees. hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three nedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £295,000

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Guide Price: £265,000

Maesbury, Oswestry

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Guide Price: £247,500

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Guide Price: £250,000 2994

Maesbury, Oswestry

A deceptively spacious semi-detached family house, having oil CH, uPVC DG, single garage, and front and side gardens. The property occupies a delightful semi-rural position on the fringe of Maesbury, surrounded by lovely rural countryside and enjoying countryside views. Entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, large pantry, utility room, ground floor WC, landing, four bedrooms, en-suite shower room, and family bathroom.

Guide Price: £199,950 3097

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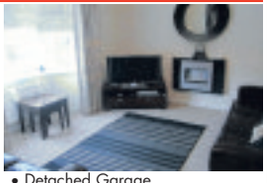

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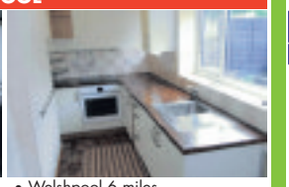

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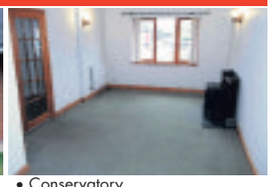

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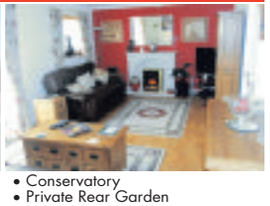

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£245,000

OSWESTRY

Det. house with purpose built granny annex close to town shops
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- 2 Reception Rooms
- Study & Laundry
- 3 Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Ground Floor Annex
- Large Garden

JJD762

£280,000

PANT

Individually designed highly appointed three bedroomed detached house
- O/F C/H, D/G
- Lounge & Study
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Sun Room
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Garage & Car Parking
- Good Sized Garden Plot
- Extensive Views Down Severn Valley

JJD782

PRICE ON APPLICATION £0

OSWESTRY

Traditional Four Bedroom Semi Detached Town House Occupying a Quiet Cul De Sac Position Within Walking Distance of the Town Centre
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom/Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Garage
- Rear Garden

JJD794

£165,000

OSWESTRY

Well Appointed Three Bedroom Detached House Occupying Attractive Corner Plot In Quiet Area Overlooking The Town
- GFCH UPVC DG
- Large Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Beds
- Garage Car Port
- Extensive Parking
- Lawned And Patio Gardens

JJD789

£169,950

WHITTINGTON

- Three Bed. Semi-Det.House
- GFCH & D/Glazing
- Kitchen And Lounge
- Garage Converted To Well Equipped Office
- Ample Car Parking
- Front And Rear Lawned Gardens
- Modern Residential Development
- 5% Deposit Paid

JJD795

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PANT, NR. OSWESTRY

Attractive Detached Bungalow Overlooking the Shropshire Plain.
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- 3 Beds
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- Garage
- Extensive Parking
- Attractive Garden

JJD714

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LLYNCLYS, NR. OSWESTRY

Well Appointed Dormer Bungalow
- UPVC D/G Electric Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Double Beds
- En-Suite Dressing Area
- Car Port and Garage
- Caravan Standing
- Views To Rodney's Pillar

JJD725

£250,000

OSWESTRY

Detached three bedroomed family house in sought after residential area
- G/F C/H, D/G
- Reception Hall
- Kitchen & utility
- Dining room
- Sitting room & Lounge
- Dressing room
- Large garage

JJD778

£349,950

WHITTINGTON

Village property offering excellent scope for improvement/redevelopment.
- Four Bed. Detached Bungalow
- Two Reception Rooms
- Attractive Outlook
- Range of brick & stone Outbuildings
- Approx. 3.5 acres of grounds

JJD796

£279,000

OSWESTRY

Det. bungalow in established residential area
- UPVC D/ G
- Sitting room
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Good size car port
- Off road parking

JJD756

£129,950

OSWESTRY

Three Bedroomed Detached Bungalow Occupying a Quiet Elevated Position Within Walking Distance of The Town
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden Room
- Garage

JJD792

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OIRO £369,950

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2 ACRES
2 EN-SUITES
OIRO £359,000

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OIRO £339,950

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NO CHAIN
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
INTEGRAL GARAGE
OIRO £279,950

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TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
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OIRO £250,000

Arddleen — **5 TREGARTHEN CLOSE**
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS W.C
UTILITY ROOM
OIRO £249,950

Oswestry — **6 LUTTON CLOSE**
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Oswestry — **37 HAMPTON ROAD**
3/4 DET DORMER BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIRO £229,000

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NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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OIRO £224,950

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UTILITY ROOM
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Oswestry — **57 HENLEY DRIVE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS W.C
UTILITY ROOM
OIRO £189,950

Ellesmere — **AMBLESIDE**
3 BED DET BUGALOW
NO CHAIN
RECENTLY MODERNISED
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £189,950

Oswestry — **37 ROFT STREET**
4 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
MOTIVATED SELLER
OFFERS OVER £179,950

Oswestry — **123 MIDDLETON ROAD**
3 BED DET DORMER BUNG
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
D/S SHOWER ROOM
OIRO £179,950

Oswestry — **20 CROXON RISE**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
LIVING ROOM/ DINER
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £174,950

Oswestry — **22 SWEENEY DRIVE**
3 BED DETACHED HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
UTILITY
OIRO £174,950

Oswestry — **4 OSWESTRY ROAD**
3 BED DET DORMA BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIRO £174,950

Llansantffraid — **14 MAES YR EGLWYS**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
EN-SUITE MASTER BEDROOM
UTILITY ROOM
OIRO £159,950

Oswestry — **11 PERRY VIEW**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
UTILITY AREA
PVC D/G WHERE STATED
OIRO £159,950

Oswestry — **35 AMBLESIDE ROAD**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
RECENTLY MODERNISED
KITCHEN/DINER
OIRO £154,950

Weston Rhyn — **19 LONG CROFT**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £149,950

Oswestry — **14 ROUNDWOOD CLOSE**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
LIVING ROOM/ DINER
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £147,500

Oswestry — **21 MANDIR CLOSE**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
DOWNSTAIRS W.C
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIRO £139,950

Oswestry — **22 CHURCHFIELDS**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
CONSERVATORY
DETATCHED GARAGE
OIRO £139,950

Oswestry — **28 REGENT COURT**
2 BED 2ND FLOOR APARTMENT
NO CHAIN
TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
LIVING/DINING ROOM
OIRO £118,500

Oswestry — **90 ALBERT ROAD**
2 BED TERRACE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING (WHERE STATED)
OIRO £109,000

Oswestry — **14 KING STREET**
2 BED END TERRACE
NO CHAIN
LIVING/DINING ROOM
NEWLY REFURBISHED
OIRO £106,000

Chirk — **9 DUKE STREET**
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
UTILITY
OFF ROAD PARKING
OIRO £104,950

Oswestry — **36 CHARLES PARRY CLOSE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
PCM £725

Pant — **ROCKLEA**
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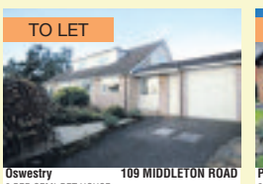
FULLTIME EMPLOYMENT
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
PCM £625

Whittington — **4 OSWESTRY ROAD**
3 BED DET DORMA BUNGALOW
AVAILABLE NOW
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
PCM £600



Oswestry — **109 MIDDLETON ROAD**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
DOWNSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
OFF ROAD PARKING
GARAGE
PCM £575

Pant — **ORCHARD VIEW**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
ENVIABLE GARDEN
PCM £525

Oswestry — **30 LIME GROVE**
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GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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- Gardens
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- Gardens
- Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

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Price: £119,950 Contact Oswestry

This three bedroom semi detached family home offers spacious accommodation and is situated a corner plot in a cul de sac location.

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
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- Patio Garden
- Car Parking Area

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An executive detached four bedroom family bungalow situated down a quiet lane in the popular village of Four Crosses.

- 4 Bedroom (2 With En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
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- Oil Central Heating
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Village Location

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Offers in Region of £122,950

Mount Drive, Oswestry

5 bedroom Victorian detached family house which retains many original period features and enjoys a private and much sought after locality conveniently placed for local town amenities. The property benefits from extensive landscaped gardens, garage, workshop and sun room. Viewing fully recommended to fully appreciate the accommodation and location on offer.

Price Guide £365,000

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Sarnau, Llanymynech

5 bedroom detached country residence which enjoys a delightful situation on this small select development of similar executive detached properties. The property enjoys a generous plot and briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Snug, Dining Room, Study, Spacious Kitchen/Family Room, Utility, First Floor Gallery Landing, Master Bedroom and Guest Bedroom Two both Ensuite, Three Further Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating, Gardens to Front and Rear, Double width driveway and Double Garage. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended.

Price Guide £450,000

Roft Street, Oswestry

3 bedroom detached Victorian town house which has been sympathetically improved over the years by the present owners yet still retaining a wealth of character features. The property offers the discerning buyer the opportunity to purchase a truly delightful family residence offering central town living. EARLY VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.

Offers in Region of £249,950

Wern, Llanymynech

2 bedroom detached stone cottage which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location with delightful landscaped gardens and views. The property briefly comprises; Entrance Porch, Spacious Living Room/Dining Room with feature fireplace, Garden Room, Kitchen, Side Lobby, Refitted Bathroom, First Floor Landing with Cloakroom, Two Bedrooms, Useful Outside Store, Driveway, Workshop, Summerhouse/Garden Store and Solar Panels. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £189,950

Victoria Road, Oswestry

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Offers in Region of £310,000

Longcroft, Weston Rhyn

Immaculate 3 bedroom modern end terraced house to the market which enjoys a pleasant situation within this modern development with Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Two Allocated Parking Spaces and Neatly Landscaped Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers Over £135,000

Pant, Nr Oswestry

A most individual and spacious 4 bedroom split level detached family house which enjoys a delightful elevated position set in generous gardens. The property offers excellent road links via A483 and briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Ground Floor Bedroom with Ensuite, Utility with access to useful basement storage, First Floor Gallery Landing with access to Balcony, Living Room with Balcony, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lobby, Garden Room, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Driveway providing extensive parking with turning provision, Garage with automatic up and over door. Early Viewing Recommended.

Offers in Region of £259,950

Queens Meadow, Queens Head

4/5 bedroom modern executive detached house with Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Alarm System, Brick Paved Driveway Providing Ample Off Road Parking, Integral Garage and Enclosed Rear Garden. The property has the benefit of being sold with NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Offers in the Region of £279,950

Peverel Drive, Whittington

Enjoying a delightful corner plot position a most exceptionally well appointed 4 bedroom detached family house which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Study/Ground Floor Bedroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Conservatory, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Double Width Driveway and additional parking area, Gardens to front, side and rear. Viewing fully recommended

Offers in the Region of £219,950

Beresford Gardens, Oswestry

Richmond Harvey Properties Ltd are delighted to introduce this modern three storey townhouse situated within a short walking distance from the town centre amenities, the property briefly comprises; Entrance Hall, Downstairs WC, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor with Master Bedroom, Further Bedroom and Family Bathroom, Second Floor comprising Two Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. The property benefits from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing where stated.

Offers in the Region of £184,950

Cae Gwynn Close, Morda

Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most immaculately presented 3 bedroom modern semi detached house which enjoys a pleasant end cul-de-sac location within this popular edge of village development. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Cloakroom, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Gardens to Front and Rear.

£550PCM

Orchard Street, Oswestry

Tastefully improved by the present owner Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most immaculately presented two double bedroom mature terraced town house to the market which enjoys a convenient location for local town amenities and benefits from an attractive re-fitted Kitchen and Bathroom. Gas Fired Central Heating. Enclosed Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended.

£500PCM

Perry View, Gobowen

A most well appointed and deceptively spacious 3 bedroom semi detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location on this established edge of village development. The property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Spacious Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Garage and Gardens. AVAILABLE.

£575PCM

Lazy Acre, Treflach

Richmond Harvey Properties are favoured with instructions to let this spacious and most well appointed 3 double bedroom detached dormer bungalow which enjoys a pleasant village location and delightful open outlook to the rear elevation. The property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Spacious Kitchen, Utility, Ground Floor Bedroom 3 and Bathroom, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom and Guest Bedroom 2, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-road parking, Garage and Gardens.

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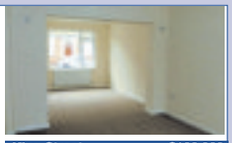
NO CHAIN — Coed-Y-Go, Oswestry — £275,000

- A most delightfully position **Detached** Residential Bungalow set within large gardens and grounds **just** on the edge of Morda towards **Coed-y-Go** being only one mile from **Oswestry**.
- The generous property **includes** which requires some modernisation, Sitting Room, Dining Room, **Sun** Room, Kitchen, Rear **Lobby/Utility** together with Three Bedrooms **and** Shower Room.
- Oil fired Central Heating, **garage,** a Triple Loose Box with **adjoining** Garage, Small Paddock. **Views** over open fields to the rear.

NO CHAIN — Llanforda Mead, Oswestry — £275,000

- A most impressive and spacious Detached Family **Residence** that has been extensively **improved** throughout by the **present** owners to present a delightful family **home**
- Entrance Porch, **Wide** Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, a **Large** Sitting Room, Separate Dining **Room,** Kitchen/Breakfast Room,
- Four Excellent **Bedrooms**, En-Suite Shower Room, **Family** Bathroom. Gas fired central **heating,** double glazing, delightful **gardens** and grounds together with a **double** garage



NEW - NO CHAIN — King Street, Oswestry — £106,000

- A **superbly** appointed and extensively **refurbished** End-of-Terrace Residential **House** that has been carefully **restored** by the present owners and is **convenient** to all facilities close to the **centre** of the town
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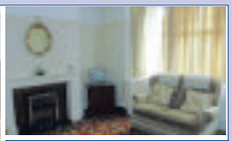

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN — Weston Avenue, Oswestry — £174,950

- A most spacious, traditional **Detached** House set within a **popular** location **convenient to the town**
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room **with** Bay, Dining Room with Sun **Room,** Kitchen, Rear Lobby with **WC,**
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- Garage and **parking** lawned garden to fore with **enclosed** garden to rear

NEW PRICE — Bradley Fields, Oswestry — £199,950

- A most comfortably appointed and **spacious** Detached Bungalow set in **a large corner plot**
- Wide **Entrance** Porch, "L" Shaped Sitting **Room/Dining** Room, Kitchen
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- The property **should** be of interest to first time pur**chasers** or investment **buyers**

NO CHAIN — Hampton Fields, Oswestry — £169,950

- A well **positioned** and most comfortably **appointed** Family Detached **Bungalow** set in a popular area just across Cae Glas Park from the town Center
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BUTLER
William Roger
(Rog)

Passed away suddenly on November 21, 2012, aged 59 years, of Ellesmere and formerly of Llanwddyn.

Beloved Husband and Soulmate of Ann (nee Brayne), dear Brother of Owen and the late Roy and Brother-in-law of Karan.

He will be sadly missed by all the Family and his many Friends.

Funeral Service at Penybont Fawr Parish Church, on Wednesday, December 5, at 11am, followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Hope House Hospice.

Inquiries to
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FORD
Christine Veronica

Passed away peacefully on November 20, 2012, aged 88 years.

Beloved Wife of the late Ernest a much loved Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.

Funeral Service at Our Lady and Saint Oswald's Roman Catholic Church, Oswestry, on Tuesday, December 4, at 2pm, followed by Interment at Hengoed Cemetery.

Flowers if desired.

All inquiries to
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JONES
Violet May
(Vie)

Passed away peacefully at the Severn Hospice, Shrewsbury, on November 20, 2012.

Beloved Wife of the late Ken, much loved and will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

Funeral Service at St. Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry, on Monday, December 3, at 2pm, followed by Interment at Oswestry Cemetery.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to Hope House Children's Respite Hospice and the Severn Hospice.

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MORRIS
Sheila Ann

Of Morda. Passed away peacefully after a long illness, bravely borne, at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on November 22, 2012, aged 75 years. She will be sadly missed by her large, loving Family and her many Friends.

Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham on Thursday, December 6, at 11am.

Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to The Midlands Air Ambulance.

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THOMAS
Mary
(Mary the Pool)

Passed away on November 21, 2012, aged 73 years.

Much loved Wife of Glyn, loving Mum of Mark and the late Sharon Jane, a dear Nan of Madeline, Sarah and Iwan.

Funeral Service to take place at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, on Friday, December 7, at 2.30pm.

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County wedding fees to rise 10pc

GETTING married in Shropshire is set to become more expensive from next year, with registrar fees due to increase by almost 10 per cent.

Proposals being considered by Shropshire Council include a 9.5 per cent rise in the cost of civil weddings and partnerships on Saturdays – going up from £361.50 to £396.

Getting married on a Sunday or bank holiday would also increase by 8.4 per cent, rising from £411.50 to £446.

The proposals have already been given the backing of the cabinet and a report is due to be considered on December 13. The council is set to rake in about £587,000 from its registrar services during this financial year.

"Standard or basic level services are subject to statutory charges which are set on a national basis. However, local authorities have the freedom to levy additional fees for special arrangements or for provision of a faster service," said the report.

"For example, there is a standard charge set nationally for provision of a wedding ceremony performed by a registrar and an additional fee can be levied for performing the ceremony at a venue other than a registry office."

The cost of weddings and civil partnerships at registration offices on Saturday afternoons will also go up to £240 under the plans, £20 more than what is currently charged.

On Sunday and bank holiday afternoons this fee will go up to £276 – a 10.4 per cent increase.

Speeding traffic 'must be tackled'

by Graham Breeze

NARROW pavements and speeding traffic must be tackled in a village near Oswestry before primary school children move to their new campus next year it has been claimed.

A governor at the new St Martins School has warned that scores of young children will soon be walking along the narrow pavements, from one end of the village to the other and the beginning and end of every day.

In September, the former Ifton Heath primary school and Rhyn Park Secondary School closed to be replaced by a new, all-age school, the first in the county.

At the moment the lower school is still based at the Ifton Heath site by next September the youngsters will move to an extended, Rhyn Park campus.

Dangers

This week governor and parish councillor Sue Schofield called on the leader of Shropshire Council to tackle the dangers that she says will face those infant and junior school pupils joining the older student who already have to walk from the northern end of the village to the Rhyn Park site.

Councillor Schofield, told Councillor Keith Barrow that something must be done to stop speeding and widen the narrow pavement that links the linear village.

"What is the point of creating a 'superschool' if we cant get the pupils there safely," she said.

"We have approached the highways department but we can't tie them down to saying they would get anything done."

She also called on police to station mobile police speed devices in the village to deter those breaking the 30mph speed limit.

Shropshire councillor, Steve Davenport, said: "There is definitely a problem and there are pinch points along the road where something has to be done."

Police sergeant Scott Barnes said he would pass on the request for speed checks to local officers and community support officers."

Appeal to form group and boost woodland

CALLS are being made to start a new group in Oswestry to help improve the future of some of its woodlands.

Henley Woods has come under the spotlight after town mayor Councillor Martin Bennett visited the area to see how it could be spruced up.

The councillor represents Oswestry East Ward and would like to see a Friends of Henley Woods Group set up to ensure the area and meadow land is looked after.

Earlier this month he spoke to residents to try and get ideas on how to develop it. He said ideas included creating seating areas and planting bulbs to produce colourful flowers during the year.

"We are looking to try and form a Friends of Henley Wood group for the area," he said. "I would like to get it set up as soon as reasonably possible. Community groups have the opportunity to apply for funding."

He said he was now creating a newsletter for residents in the area to see how to take the idea to the next level.

Councillor Bennett said he visited the area on November 10 and met a number of residents who were 'very responsive' when talking about the future.

Hope for April event

Preparing for the Hope for April fundraising evening at the Kings Head Pub in Oswestry are, from left, Emily Davies, Chris Parry and Delvene Davies.

A PUB in Oswestry is holding a fundraiser to aid the search for five-year-old Mid Wales girl April Jones.

April went missing while playing outside her home in Machynlleth on October 1, sparking a massive hunt involving search and rescue teams and local residents.

The search continues today and many across the country still live in hope that she will be found.

Now The Kings Head, in Church Street, has decided to put on an event, called Hope For April, on Saturday, exactly two months after the youngster went missing.

All money from sales will go to help all those still searching for the youngster. The event will have a pink theme.

Delvene Davies, from the pub, said: "I know April's cousin. It is a terrible thing to happen. My way of trying to help is to hold this event. Every penny helps."

The night will start at 8pm and will go on until 4am. For more details people can visit the pub's Facebook page.

Mark Bridger, 46, from Ceinws, near Machynlleth, is charged with April's abduction and murder and will appear at Caernarfon Crown Court on January 11.

Tourism bosses told to show more confidence

TOURISM leaders in Mid Wales have been urged to show more confidence in the area to attract new visitors.

Edwina Hart, Welsh Assembly minister for business, enterprise technology and science, said the area has 'an awful lot to offer' and urged people working in the tourist sector to have more confidence in selling it to visitors.

Mrs Hart was speaking at the Wales Tourism Alliance's Working Together conference for Mid Wales in Llandrindod Wells, where she revealed a mission to create a new brand for Wales and her aversion to red tape hindering business development.

She said: "We have to be a much more confident nation in what we do in terms of tourism. The vast majority of visitors that come to Wales have an excellent experience. We have an awful lot to offer in Wales at any time of the year, yet we talk far too much about the weather."

She urged tourism marketers to compile an A to Z alphabet of exciting things to do in Wales throughout the year.

She said: "We need to understand the issues that you face when developing your businesses. We do live in difficult economic times but there is a market out there that can still afford to do things and we need your feedback on where we need to focus our attention.

"I hope to have a report fairly shortly on the branding issue."

Concert will aid centres

A CONCERT will be held at Ellesmere College on Saturday in aid of Age UK's eight north Shropshire day centres.

Tickets for the concert starting at 7pm, cost £5 each,

Hazel Wakefield, a member of the Age UK North Shropshire Supporters' group, said: "The audience will be entertained by not only the Shrewsbury Light Orchestra but also the local group the Gs & Ts, and Old Ellesmerian, Paul Russell."

Tickets can be purchased at Ellesmere Fruit and Veg or on 07974 150250.

NEWS in brief

British education still seen as best

BRITISH education is still widely seen as the best in the world, Oswestry Rotarians have been told.

Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club heard from its newest member Bryan Hall at its latest meeting.

Mr Hall runs an international educational consultancy company called Britlink Ltd in Oswestry.

Club spokesman Mike Lade said: "Most parents in Asia and Africa aspire for their children to come to school and university in Britain."

Borderland Rotary meets on a Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel.

Invitation to join hospice fun run

A CHARITY fun run will be taking place in Oswestry next month.

People are invited to take part in the Hope House festive family fun run on December 9 at 11am.

Runners will set off from Festival Square and are invited to go in fancy dress. This year it costs £5 for adults to register.

Call Hope House Children's Hospice for more details on (01691) 671671.

Songs at station

AN evening of folk will take place in Oswestry on Saturday. Songs At The Station is at the railway station on Saturday from 8pm until 11pm. Tickets cost £7 on (01691) 791626.

Youngsters invite families to Let's Get Cooking event

Olivia Rose and Chef Patrick Gough at Marches School.

Amy Rowley and Rebecca Elliot slicing carrots.

Nathan Rogers and Amelia Pearce prepare meatballs in tomato sauce at Marches School.

AN OSWESTRY school hosted a 'Let's Get Cooking' community event.

Students at Marches School invited their families and friends to enjoy an afternoon of culinary glory and produced an array of dishes with the help of The Walls Restaurant Chef, Patrick Gough.

by Graham Breeze

'Let's get Cooking' is a National Initiative that actively encourages people to develop their cooking skills. The club is very thankful for the generous support received from local businesses including The Walls Restaurant for their chef support, Treflach Farm for supplying much of the meat used by the club and Anna Doggart, a local organic farmer, who often supplies produce directly from her own garden.

Over 60 people attended the community event to celebrate the students' culinary achievements. Chef, Patrick Gough said: "It's been great to volunteer on a project like this and really nice to have the opportunity to introduce students to new types of food".

Year 9 student Rebecca Elliot added "I've really enjoyed taking part and basically, just learning how to cook really good food". Fellow student, Nathan Rogers (Year 7) continued, "I really like cooking. I have learnt some great new skills."

Village plan named as a model to be followed

A NEIGHBOURHOOD plan created by a small village has been named as a model for others to follow.

Shropshire Council says Kinnerley has excelled in producing its plan and wants other villages to go down the same route.

Neighbourhood plan volunteers posted questionnaires through every single letter box in the village and surrounding hamlets, including Maesbrook, Dovaston, Knockin Heath, Pentre and Edgerley.

Their hard work paid off as more than 75 per cent of the questionnaires were filled in representing the views of 690 individuals.

Volunteers also talked to community group about how they would like to see the area develop in the future and scores of people attended public meetings.

The results saw residents call for better mobile phone signals and broadband access. And they said traffic and public transport posed problems for those in the villages and in the countryside.

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Accountant launches new website to help business

A CHARTERED accountant who specialises in agriculture and rural business has launched her new website with some top tips to help people save money.

Louise Hudson, who worked in high street accountancy for 15 years before setting up her own business in Ellesmere, near Oswestry, earlier this year, said she wanted to dispel myths so people stopped 'burying their heads in the sand' over matters which were simple to resolve.

Louise-Hudson

Mrs Hudson, who runs Hudson Chartered Accountant and Business Advisor from the family farm in Whittington, said she hoped her 'top 10 tax tips' on her new website would help people with basic accounting.

"All too often people who are running businesses of all sizes from sole traders to large employers try and hide away from the accounts.

"I hear people say they were 'too scared' to ring the accountant, yet they would pick up the phone to anyone else and ask advice," the 31-year-old said.

"I want to reduce that fear and change the perception of accountants and make people realise accountants can take so much stress out of their situation and make it clear so they can see light at the end of the tunnel – which for some would be the first time in a very long time."

Mrs Hudson, who became a partner in a large county chartered accountants at the age of 28, added: "Business owners in an economic climate like we are today need to save every penny they can and as accountants we know how to do that but they can also learn how to do it themselves.

"People need to conduct regular reviews in order to reduce their taxable profits, realise the benefits of planning ahead and ensuring their business structure is the most tax efficient it can be," she added.

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Lyn launches line of New York jewellery

Lyn Pearson is launching new range for Shropshire.

Jewellery from Stella & Dot, which is a fast growing global company offering flexible entrepreneurial opportunities for women.

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She has snapped up the opportunity to promote this fresh new brand in Oswestry and surrounding areas in Shropshire!

"As a new Stella & Dot stylist I am keen to bring affordable, one-of-a-kind jewellery and accessories to women in the Oswestry area," she said.

Browse the range via Lyn's website – www.stelladot.co.uk/lynpearson – or contact Lyn today to arrange a 'Trunk Shows' – at home ot work

Facebook competitions are to be announced soon via www.Facebook.com/styletreats

Workshop aimed at business owners

THREE businesswomen in Shropshire have set out to help small business owners in Oswestry.

Louise Hudson, Eva Hill and Heather Noble will be holding a series of workshops providing practical and professional support to others in the area.

The workshops will be tailored towards giving relevant advice to help people move forward.

Business coach Eva said: "While there is an array of support available for start-up businesses in and around the local area, we recognised the distinct lack of support for those who have completed their first year or so of trading and are worried about losing momentum."

The first, introductory session will be held at 4 Arthur Street, Oswestry, on December 6 from 7pm to 9.30pm and is free to attend.

To reserve a place call Heather on (01691) 700800 or e-mail *louise@hudsonlm.co.uk*

College concert

A FUNDRAISING concert will be held at Ellesmere College on December 1 in aid of Age UK's eight north Shropshire day centres. The event will feature festive music from the Shrewsbury Light Orchestra and local trio, the Gs & Ts, from 7pm.

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New cash machine at PO is approved

A BID to install a cash machine at a post office in Gobowen has been granted planning approval.

The move will provide a 24-hour service and also promote the use of other nearby businesses, a report to Shropshire Council said.

A design and access statement in support of the bid said: "The ATM will provide a valuable amenity to the local community while helping the Post Office provide a 24 hour service to their customers.

"The Post Office ATMs provide various customers with a reliable and safe means of account and cash withdrawal facilities near to where they live.

"This helps to improve not only the viability of this local Post Office but to encourage use of other facilities nearby.

"An ATM installation can have a positive effect on the immediate location's security and economics due to positive footfall in the area."

The statement added there was parking available at the Post Office on Whittington Road in Gobowen so there would be no negative impact on safety. And it said CCTV could be installed to increase security at the ATM location and ram raid protection could also be fitted.

Shropshire Council granted the bid under delegated powers.

Stunning aerial spectacular interrupted squirrel search

I FIRST saw it in the Lake District whilst searching for Red Squirrels. As dusk approached the wave grew both in size and sound. From a ripple in the sky to an ebbing swell to a surging torrent.

It broke upon the landscape like an inky rush, pitching and heaving.

Sometimes convex and deep, sometimes concave; rearing and monstrous as if threatening to rise up and break in on itself, dashing its matter to smithereens on the lake's surface below.

However calling it 'it' would be a mistake, for I was not watching a single being, but many thousands, all moving together in ordered chaos and frenzied harmony. It was December and I was studying a flock of starlings.

Flapping

For some reason, squirrels seem to have played a part in most of my starling career to date, for just the other day, I was watching two greys sparring about a tree trunk in the woods around Crosemere.

Dusk was almost upon me and as I turned to leave, a strange whirring sound accosted me from above. It was the flapping of thousands of pairs of little wings. A starling flock was making its way to the mere.

I walked down to the water's edge and stood to watch. As before, the murmeration grew and receded, swelled and withdrew in a series of bowls, bows, arcs, globes, globules, rhombi and sweeps. Every so often a larger bird or two could be seen in amongst the throng.

ON THE WILD SIDE
with
Ben Waddams

They were crows and although I've never seen them attacking birds in flight, this appeared to be their aim.

Then as the mass flew close to their reedbed ambition, a pointy-winged assailant darted from the lake-side trees. A sparrowhawk.

As far as I could tell he was unsuccessful this time, but there would be many more chances.

However, the spectacle left me confused as well as mesmerised. Why do starlings do this?

Well, it's obviously a predator-avoidance-system in one respect. It's far harder for a falcon or a harrier to pick out one bird in amongst thousands; the same principle is at work on the plains of Africa with its zebra and wildebeest.

But why the beautiful ballet, sycronised movement and pulsing surges before roosting?

I suppose the birds are simply nervous. They will fly close to their chosen reed beds before entering, scoping them out for a final dash.

En mass all the birds will then suddenly stop their ball and disappear within a few seconds into the reeds.

Here they huddle together, gaining valuable warmth and allowing their energy reserves to build up, as well as gleaning information of the day's best foraging spots.

However, a word of warning; with so many birds completing their duties for the day and 'relaxing' as they fly over your head, a raincoat is definitely recommended!

Ben's wildlife art can be seen at the Gallery Tearooms, Princess Street, Shrewsbury.

Red Squirrel – acrylic on board by Ben Waddams.

Legion to continue its appeal for funds

THE Royal British Legion in Oswestry has said that although Remembrance Day has gone, its poppy appeal continues through the year.

The Oswestry branch of the British Legion says that the appeal will stay open until the end of September 2013 and it is organising a dinner dance at the Pedigree on January 5 featuring the Porthywaen Silver Band.

Spokesman Norman Morris said: "The 2012/13 poppy appeal has seen branch members and helpers, including cadets, standing in supermarket foyers and also on the town streets while poppy boxes were delivered to businesses in and around Oswestry.

"The appeal is open to the end of September 2013, so we would urge people to continue to give their support."

Tickets for the dinner dance on January 5 are available from organiser Roy Fry on (01691) 679260 or 07977 297599.

Mr Morris said: "Please help us to help those who have served our country faithfully, in some cases at enormous cost to their health. The legion looks after the interests of ex-service men and women and is here to help where possible."

The annual meeting will be held at the Oswestrian in Festival Square on December 4 at 3pm.

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Colourful character and town's stalwart hands over bakery keys

by Toby Neal

BACK in March 1980, the end of an era beckoned in Oswestry.

The owner of a bakery – said to be the oldest family business in the town – was selling up. Mr J Ewart Francis was putting his bakery, grocery and health food business on the market because he wanted to retire and there was no-one for him to pass the business on to.

The bakery in Welsh Walls was started by his grandfather more than 100 years previously, who baked almost right up until the day he died. Mr Francis took over from his father, who was a baker until he was 82.

So what happened? Our second picture, dating from a year later – March 1981 – tells you.

It shows Mr Francis handing over his wholefood shop key to Mr Michael Doyle, a local shopkeeper.

But it was not quite the end as Mr Francis, who had recently celebrated his 65th birthday, was to continue running the adjoining bakery, supplying bread to the shop and a market stall.

Mr Francis was one of those characters who make towns more vibrant places by getting involved in town life and town issues. It was he who, in 1980, made approaches to the mayor asking about the possibility of Oswestry twinning with another town, leading to Oswestry forging a twinning pact with Combs la Ville.

And in 1972, when Oswestry seemed destined to be swallowed up by a north Shropshire super council in local government reorganisation, he dressed as King Oswald, the seventh century Christian king and legendary founder of the town, and rode amid a motorcade to the Shirehall, Shrewsbury, on horseback, in an unusual protest.

Mr Ewart Francis outside his business in March 1980.

Handing over the shop key to Michael Doyle.

In about 1970 he rescued Mrs Betty Bradfield when she floated two miles out to sea on an airbed off Harlech, where Mr Francis was a member of Pensarn Yacht Club.

She was so grateful that she and her husband, although already parents of three, decided to adopt a baby and name her Julie Frances in Mr Francis' honour and as a thank you for her life being saved.

How Julie got her name was a favourite bedtime story and finally, in 1975, the little girl, aged three, got to meet the man after whom she was named.

"A normally chatty Julie, sporting pigtails, declined to comment and disappeared for a game of football," a newspaper report said at the time. But three years later he received a photo of her and a letter saying: "I love you because you saved my mummy."

Mr Francis was a D-Day veteran, albeit with a twist. A conscientious objector, he was there as a volunteer with the Royal Army Medical Corps. He wrote a book of poems, in the preface of which he described how he helped to set up a field dressing station in an orchard, the constant bombardment creating a scene 'as near to Dante's Hell as the human mind could take."

He was one-time president of Oswestry and District Chamber of Trade and even provided food, from his shop, to a party of five people who were trying to sail around the world by catamaran.

We don't know if Mr Francis is still with us, but if he is, he will be aged about 96 now.

Record numbers for sixth form date

RECORD numbers of Year 11 students and their families visited Oswestry School for the November sixth form information evening.

During the evening, staff and a number of sixth form pupils were kept busy discussing with visitors which subjects to choose out of the 25 available.

Art work from pupils was on display in the school's Peter Humphreys Centre, where visitors had a chance to hear a short introduction to the sixth form by the headmaster, Mr Douglas Robb, and put further questions to members of the academic staff.

Visitors were able to learn more about the school's consistent academic success, the newly refurbished and dedicated sixth form centre and pastoral care.

Mr Rob said: "Our sixth form information evenings are traditionally well supported by current parents, and we were delighted to meet a number of families visiting us for the first time.

"I am keen to ensure that these evenings are meaningful to all our visitors, enabling them to make the correct choices at this important stage in their education."

Oswestry School also welcomed Old Oswestrians to the school for Founder's Day celebrations on November 24.

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Arts and crafts on show at gallery for festive sale

by Graham Breeze

SOME of the best arts and crafts from the Oswestry have gone on sale at a festive exhibition.

More than 20 different producers are involved in the Christmas Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Qube Art Gallery on Oswald Road.

The exhibition runs until December 22, giving shoppers a chance to buy that perfect locally made gift for their loved ones. Organisers say the exhibition has been eagerly anticipated and will provide a relaxed Christmas shopping experience at Qube.

Spokeswoman Tonia Parry said: "With over 20 different producers exhibiting, the gallery will be full of gorgeous local arts, crafts and gifts for visitors to browse around and pick up some great presents.

"The exhibition runs until December 22 and will include ceramics, paintings, wood turned items, soaps, drawings and illustrations, jewellery, decorations as well as cards and prints.

"There something to suit all tastes and budget. We're looking forward to a busy exhibition and encourage visitors to come and have a browse around to pick up unique gifts.

"We will also be having a late night opening in the gallery on Wednesday, December 5, where we will be serving festive refreshments," said Charlotte Jackson, arts co-ordinator at Qube.

Qube Gallery is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Charlotte Jackson, arts co-ordinator at Qube with some of the arts and crafts on sale in the Christmas exhibition.

Students visit museum

STUDENTS from Shropshire visited the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

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Doubleheader gig to boost school funds

GIG GUIDE with Edward Roberts

MUSIC fans, rejoice! The Ironworks is putting on a fantastic doubleheader tonight (Thursday).

The gig is being held to raise funds for Woodside School and will feature music from Little Red Bird and The Street Band

For those of you who haven't heard Little Red Bird, they play a compelling mix of bluegrass and American folk. The duo is made up of Matt Morris and Louisa Jones. You can expect sweet harmonies as well as some witty banter from the band members.

The Street Band is a 10-piece ensemble from Oswestry. Formed back in 2008 the band has played a number of festivals including the Oswestry Food and Drink Festival. They draw influence from American, Caribbean and African music with the band describing their sound as 'excitingly rhythmic'.

Tickets will cost £5 and can be purchased from Woodside School. The event starts at 7.30pm. For more information ring (01691) 652446.

Blues musician Eddy Gartry will be performing a solo set at the Lowefield Inn, Marston. Gartry is the frontman of Blues State UK. He will be bringing his own brand of gritty blues to Marston on November 30. The gig starts at 8pm and entry is free.

On the same night The Ironworks will be holding a charity gig for Movember. The gig will feature music from the Dutch Rudders, Lounge Burner and Edward Crowley. There will also be prizes available with all the proceeds from the event going to charity. It kicks off at 9pm with entry costing £3.

For those of you who are in Welshpool on Friday night, the Oak will have music from Alex Davies with support from Ellen Cox. The gig starts at 9pm with no entry fee.

Bluze Box will be playing a gig at Montgomery Town Hall on December 1. Look forward to a lively set of old school blues. Entry costs £10 which also includes a curry. The gig starts at 8.30pm. This Saturday will see another instalment of Audiyogo at the Ironworks. This time round there will be performances from Johnny Flash, Andy Phillips, Ross McCabe, Mark Lomas and Technotis.

The event starts at 9pm and carries on till 3am. Entry is £5.

We finish the week off with the Peoples Vinyl Collective at the Ironworks on December 5. For those of you who haven't been along, it's an evening where you can bring your favourite vinyls to get played. It starts at 9pm and is free.

Little Red Bird will be appearing in Oswestry.

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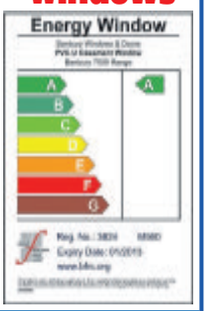

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Welshpool livestock market

Monday, November 26

OTMS (61)

An entry of 61 over thirty month old cattle sold to average 121ppkg for the 54 older cows, 106ppkg of the steers and heifers under 72months of age. Top price of the day was £1257.69 for a Limousin cow weighing 791kg from D I Roberts & Son Stingwern. A Charolais cow weighing 861kg achieved £1127.91from R O Williams & Sons Caerddaniel. A Limousin cow under 72moths of age sold for £1061.28 from B P Rudd & Son Maesgarthbeibio. D I Roberts & Son Stingwern receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (13)

An entry of 13 fast cattle sold to average 191ppkg for the steers, 221ppkg for the heifers and 184ppkg for the bulls. Top price of the day was 227ppkg from GW & BA Haynes Trefnant Isaf for a Limousin heifer weighing 555kg. GW & BA Haynes also sold two other Limousin heifers for 226ppkg and 221ppkg. Steers topped at 210ppkg from EE & MJ Jones & Sons Cwmbychan. GW & BA Haynes Trefnant Isaf receive the Briarwiid Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo beast sold on the day.

Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday to commence at approximately 12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME LAMBS (4017)

An entry of 4017 Prime lambs, selling to an overall average of 151ppkg.

Super Lights (17.5kg to 25.4kg) (34) to 128ppkg from W Hughes & Son Waen Farm.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (162) to 152ppkg from S H Lloyd Penlan. Others to 146ppkg from L Simpson Dingleside. Average of 140ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (985) to 165ppkg from T E A Owen Holly Bush. Others to 162ppkg from BE & BE Langford Letymeibion. Average of 145ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (1803) to 194ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Others to 183ppkg from J H H Jerman & Co Wernddu. Average of 154ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (769) to 181ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Others to 156ppkg from W E G Evans Llwynycrwth. Average of 146ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (234) to 144ppkg from L Simpson Dingle Side. Others to 142ppkg from D P Casewell Tanrhiw. Average of 134ppkg.

CULL EWE (1555)

An entry of 1555 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £43.12 for the ewes and £72.12 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £89 per head from E Jackson Lane Farm. Top price for the cull rams was £104 per head from J G Ellis & Son Tynewydd. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS & STORE EWES

Store Lambs:

An entry of 500 store lambs achieving increased average of aveaged of £46. Theave lambs achieving a top price of £52 from R T Watkin Coed y Deri. Mixed and Clean lambs achieving a top price of £58 for organic texelx lambs from D Langford Colfryn Farms. Wether lambs achieving a top price of £53 from H J Marsh Stokesay. Tup lambs achieving a top price of £53 from WA & OE Lloyd & Co Tynshettin. Sale of Store lambs to commence next Monday10.30 prompt.

COWS & CALVES

An entry of 26 cows and calves and in calf heifers met with a grand trade once again. A special entry of 10 Limousinx cows (born 2004 – 2008) with limousin calves at foot from J C & SEM Hamer, The Gables Llandyssil sold from £1640 to a top of £2700to average of £1916. A Belgian Bluex 2nd Calver with a Limousin bull calf from Mrs M E Hughes & Son Caerlloi made £1980. A limousinx heifer with a heifer calf from the same home made £1880. Two Herefordx 1st calvers with a Limousinx heifers calves presented by K Davies Rhydyfydrwydd sold for £1920 and £1750. A Limousinx 1st Calvers with a Limousin bull calf from J B C Gwillim Bwlchgarth sold for £1680. A limousinx 2nd calver with a heifer callf made £1660 presented by G Lloyd Roberts Pennant Farm. A Breakdown of all prices achieved were as follows: £2000+ 3 lots, £1800 - £2000 4 lots, £1600 - £1800 9 lots, £1400 - £1600 3 lots, £1200 - £1400 4 lots, Less than £1200 3 lots.

FORTHCOMING SALES:

Monday 3rd December, Christmas Fat Stock & Dairy Cows Show and Sale (Special entry of Pure Limousin & British Blue In-Calf Heifers)

Monday 10th December, Store Cattle & Cows and Calves

Wednesday 12th December, Red Market

Monday 17th December, Sale of Dairy Cattle

Friday 21st December, In-Lamb Texels.

November 19

OTMS (84)

A good entry of 84 over thirty month old cattle sold very well to average 122ppkg for the 78 older cows, 123ppkg for the three bulls and 125ppkg for the three heifers under 72 months. The older cows topped the sale at £1190.40 for a Limousin cow weighing 768kg from M & A Powell Drefor Farm. Messers Powell also sold another Limousin cow to £1169.20. A Charolais bull weighing 1116kg from C P Breese Plasauduon made £1406.16. A younger Belgian Blue cow born November 2007 from G I Francis The Bryn achieved a good price of £1336.50. M & A Powell Drefor receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (20)

A better entry of 20 fat heifers, steers bulls sold to average 205ppkg for the steers, 179ppkg for the bulls and 209ppkg for the heifers. G Bound & Son Cefn Bach sold three limousine heifers to 235ppkg, 229ppkg and 222ppkg. C J & ME Williams Minysarn sold a steer to 226ppkg and a heifer to 224ppkg. CJ Davies & Son Waen Gwyn sold three steers to 211ppkg, 198ppkg and 188ppkg. G Bound & Son Cefn Bach receives the Briarwood Prodcucts prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo beast sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday to commence at approximately 12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME LAMBS (4820)

An entry of 4820 Prime lambs, selling to an overall average of 143ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (214) to 146ppkg from NG & GG Davies Trawsgelli. Others to 138ppkg from M & H Evans Tycerrig. Average of 119ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (1192) to 153ppkg from J R Pryce Aberbechan Farm, E A Rees & Co Borfa Newydd, A Rees & Son Tynllwyn and TM & G Rees & Son Cefngwyddil. Others to 151ppkg from T E A Owen Holly Bush. Average of 136ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (2125) to 172ppkg from D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. Others to 170ppkg from J I Evans Belan Yr Argau. Average of 148ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (972) to 159ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Others to 156ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Average of 141ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (247) to 151ppkg from EJ & AJ Roberts Longlands. Others to 135ppkg from D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. Average of 128ppkg.

CULL EWE (1275)

An entry of 1275 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £38.96 for the ewes and £84.16 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £133 per head from D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. Top price for the cull rams was £115 per head from O T Evans Delfryn. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS & STORE EWES

Store Lambs:

An entry of 850 store lambs achieving a total average of £41. Theave lambs achieving a top price of £48.50 from J N Owen Penybont. Mixed and clean lambs achieving top price of £58 from T G Lewis Brynycil. Wether lambs achieving a top price of £54.20 from H J Marsh & Sons Stokesay. Tup lambs achieving a top price of £49 from H C Lewis Brynowen.

Sale of store lambs to commenc at 10.30am next Monday.

DAIRY COWS

An entry forward of 13 heifers met with a fine trade once again, similar to afortnight ago. Leading the wat was T G Phillips & Co Burgedin Farm, with a Woodmarsh Melbourne daughter which made £2100. A similar heifer from the same home sold for £2080. Presented by K S Jones & Son Lane Farm was a Dayton heifer ehich sold for £2060. Making £1980 was aWIndy Knoll daughter from D E Davies & Sons, The Gornal Four Crosses. Heifers from WA & EM Morris & R R Corfield & CO Bronynant sold for £1830 and £1820 respectivey. A pedigree Dairy Shorthorn from D & E Price Jones sired by Oxon Lord Foggs Thorpe made £1000. A breakdown of the price achieved where as follows:

£2000 + 3 lots, £1800 - £2000 3 lots, £1600 - £1800 2 lots, £1400 - £1600 1 lot, £1200 - £1400 1 lot, less than £1200 3 lots.

Oswestry cattle auctions

November 21

FAT CATTLE: (59)

A reduced entry of fat cattle met with a strong trade throughout with a mixture of cattle on offer. More cattle are required every week to meet buyer demand. If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market office.

Young Bulls (30) Overall Average 178p.

Medium Bulls (22) Average 171p (£874/head) Selling to 207p from T I & C M Jones Rhospengwern

Heavy Bulls (8) Average 194p (£1211/head) Selling to 217p from E D & H L Morris & Sons Maes

Steers (9) Overall Average 200p.

Heavy Steers (9) Average 200p (£1322/head) Selling to 218p from A R & E M Evison Tygwyn

Heifers (20) Overall Average 188.5p

Medium Heifers (1) Selling to 227p (£1089/head) from J Evans & Son Tanygarth

Heavy Heifers (19) Average 187p (£1046/head) Selling to 229p from J D Jones Crogen Iddon

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FAT LAMBS: (2934)

A steady entry of 2934 fat lambs forward on Wednesday 21 November 2012. The overall average was 137p/kg with the SQQ being 136.5p/kg. These averages demonstrate that the lighter and hardier type lambs were hard sold in comparison with the heavier lambs. 324 light lambs levelled at a disappointing 118.5p/kg peaking with 31kg lambs making £46 from M Jones & Son Lawnt. 728 Standard lambs again were very hard sold unless they were of good continental sorts with tight coats. This section averaged 129p/kg with the top price realised being 153p/kg for 36.5kg lambs making £55.80 from G R Jones Cefn Abertanat. 1319 medium lambs averaged 143p/kg with the top price being 160p/kg from T E Evans Pentre Farm with 40.5kg making £65. 447 heavy lambs averaged 138.5p/kg with the top call for overweights being £79.80 from D C Williams & Sons Hengwm.

Lights to 148p average 118.5p, Standards to 153p average 129p, Mediums to 160p average 143p, Heavy's to 148p average 138.5p, Others to 135p average 130.5p. Overall average 137p.

FAT EWES: (359)

Ewes to £68.00 average £29.00, Rams to £55.00, average £39.50

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (90)

The largest entry for quite sometime with continentals quite substantially dearer especially best males, friesians other than the best selling at similarly less levels. An outstanding Charolais Bull topping the sale at £385 from Messrs Evans Halton Farm. British Blue Bulls to £375 & £345 from Messrs Lewis Crumpwell £350 from Messrs Jones Lyneal Hall £315 from Messrs Price Bwlchydderwen. Simmental Bulls to £380 from Messrs Jones Lyneal Hall £322 & £320 from Messrs James Church Farm. Limousin Bulls to £368 from Messrs Pryce Coed Mawr £340 from Messrs Edwards Tynewydd. Limousin Heifers to £310 & £308 from Messrs Jones Ladyhill £280 from Messrs Owen Bonciau. Friesian Bulls to £126 from Messrs Bowen Glanwantyn £125 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney £111 from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf £96 from Messrs Williams The Stocks £90 from Messrs Evans Glaniwrch

U72 & CULL COWS: (57)

An entry of 57 Cattle met with another very fast trade to return an overall average of 106.83p/kg.

Top price Cow 153p/kg, top price Heifer 175p/kg and top price Steer 178p/kg.

Top price Heifer overall £1319.70 and top price Steer overall £1609.25

Cows

Limousin to 153p average 124.53p/kg

Belgian Blue to 139p average 131.97p/kg

Welsh Black to 119p average 109.46p/kg

Friesian to 136p average 102.46p/kg

Heifers

Limousin to 175p average 169.72p/kg

Swedish Red to 156p/kg

Friesian to 159p average 158.10p/kg

Steers

Limousin to 178p average 163.84p/kg

Belgian Blue to 157p average 146.74p/kg

Blond D'Aquataine to 171p/kg

Friesian to 168p/kg

57 Cattle average 106.83p/kg

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Just as the new British built Honda CR-V arrives in UK showrooms, industry experts at CAP Monitor have announced strong residual value predictions.

Based on a three years/20,000 mile per annum profile, CAP Monitor has estimated that the 2.2litre top-of-the-range EX manual model – expected to be the most popular – will achieve a 40 per cent residual value of its original P11D cost. This equates to £12,325.

This prediction is above the average in the sports utility vehicle (SUV) segment and a real boost for Honda bosses.

The CR-V has been a big success for Honda with over five million sold across the world since 1995 and fourth generation models are now on our roads.

DRIVE TIME with Graham Breeze

Building on the success of its predecessor the latest model has been given a complete makeover for the European market boasting better quality and refinement.

For the first time, the CR-V will be offered with a choice of both two- and four-wheel drive on the 2.0 i-VTEC model, while improvements to the petrol and 2.2 i-DTEC diesel engines have achieved a significant reduction in carbon dioxide emissions.

There's a big change up front where there's a bolder nose section and although the CR-V's signature vertical rear brake lights, which debuted on the original model, remain there's now a more three-dimensional style with large and bold wheel arches.

With the rear seats folded flat, the boot capacity of the CR-V has grown by 148 litres to 1648 litres and with the seats folded up, the boot capacity is a capacious 589 litres. A change in the design of the rear seats has allowed Honda to introduce 60/40 split rear seats, which can be folded flat in one swift movement

The load length has been increased by 140mm to 1570mm, while the height of the load lip has been reduced by 25mm to make it easier to load heavy items. The real news is in the boot where the CR-V can now accommodate two mountain bikes or four sets of golf clubs. The addition of a keyless entry system and power tailgate make it easier to use the boot space.

Inside the cabin all the najor function instruments have been layered with the major controls grouped according to function with an information zone in the centre of the cabin.

Safety remains high on Honda's agenda and the front seats incorporate a whiplash mitigation system. There's also a range of electronic systems designed to make driving safer including hill start assist.

Hill descent control makes its debut on the CR-V and is available on automatic variants. It operates at up to 5 mph and works in conjunction with the VSA and the MA-EPS systems.

The new CR-V is also the latest vehicle to employ Honda's advanced driver assist system. ADAS incorporates lane keeping assist system, adaptive cruise control and a collision mitigation braking system, which warns of a collision and even applies the brakes to minimise an impact. In an emergency stop situation, the emergency stop system will automatically activate the brake and hazard warning lights and the lights blink rapidly to warn following vehicles that the CR-V is stopping abruptly, alleviating the risk of a collision.

Under the bonnet there's a 2.0-litre i-VTEC petrol engine or a 2.2-litre i-DTEC diesel engine. Both are a development of the engines found in the third generation CR-V but both have been comprehensively redesigned with a focus on reducing CO2 emissions.

Improvements in fuel economy and reduction of CO2 emissions have been achieved while the power and torque outputs of the i-DTEC engine remain at 150PS and 350Nm respectively, but the CO2 emissions fall from 171g/km to 153g/km* (10%) for the manual version, and from 195g/km to 175g/km* for models equipped with the five-speed automatic transmission.

The power output of the 2.0-litre i-VTEC engine has risen from 150PS to 155PS, while the torque has increased by 2Nm to 192Nm. Despite this increase in performance, CO2 emissions have fallen from 192g/km to 174g/km* for the manual version, and from 195g/km to 176g/km* for the automatic.

The rear seats split 60/40 and can be folded flat with one movement

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2009 59 NISSAN NOTE VISIA 1.6 Auto 5-dr. 1 owner, 24,000 miles £6,999

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MOTORING

The range topping Amarok has an eight-speed automatic gearbox that raises towing capacity to 3,200 kg

Amarok offers extra towing power and performance

Volkswagen has increased the power of the range-topping diesel Amarok pick-up, raising performance and towing capability in the process.

The 161bhp BiTDI engine has been upgraded to 177bhp, and with it comes a towing limit increase from 2,800kg to 3,000kg for manual models.

A new eight-speed automatic gearbox has also been introduced, which raises towing capacity still further, up to 3,200kg.

Complete with BlueMotion technology, the new Amarok belies its extra power with a 3.9 per cent efficiency boost. In manual guise it's now capable of 37.2mpg compared to the 35.8mpg of its predecessor, along with 199g/km of CO2 – down from 209g/km.

The automatic version gains an extra 15lb.ft of torque to partially counter the losses incurred in the transmission. It records 35.3mpg and 211g/km; the same as a non-BlueMotion manual model.

More equipment has also been added to coincide with the upgraded model's shift in production base to Volkswagen's Hanover factory, which also builds the Transporter.

Buyers will be able to benefit from Bluetooth, front and rear parking sensors, heated washer jets, tachograph preparation, cornering fog lights and 19in alloy wheels.

Three trim lines, Startline, Trendline and Highline, will be available, with the auto version coming only in Highline spec. The automatic is also coupled to permanent 4Motion four-wheel-drive only. Manual models have a switchable system.

The new, higher-powered diesel will be available from £19,795 plus VAT, with modest financial jumps between trim levels.

If budget is a prime concern, there is a basic 120bhp 2.0-litre diesel available in entry-level Startline trim for £18,795. Hanover-built Amaroks are beginning to arrive in dealerships now.

Amazing insight into Top Gear's man of mystery

Drive my reasonably priced car – biographer Simon du Beaumarche delves into The Stig's background

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SOME SAY… The Stig is an enigma wrapped in a mystery enveloped in a puzzle placed inside a box with an extremely complicated locking mechanism.

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Simon du Beaumarche wanted to delve deeper and discover the truth about this intriguing character.

His quest took him from Surrey to another part of Surrey to the very ends of Surrey and then, unexpectedly, to Finland before returning to Surrey. Along the way he unearthed remarkable information about the The Stig's influence in areas as diverse as motorsport, international politics and the punk movement. He also got covered in a strange green substance.

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06	TOYOTA AVENSIS T3S Auto. 38,000 miles	£5495
06	SUZUKI JIMNY 4x4	£5325
06	BMW 330 Diesel, MSPORT, Blue	£8995
06	PEUGEOT 307 1.6 SE Diesel, Blue, 46k	£3995
56	NISSAN MICRA Grey	SOLD
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55	MAZDA RX8. Black, 39k	£3975
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56	VAUXHALL VECTRA Exclusive 1.8 Red Metallic	£3450
54	FORD FIESTA FLAME 5-dr. Silver	£3395
54	CORSA SXi Blue	£1875
54	MG TF Convertible Summer fun, Yellow	£2195
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52	FORD FIESTA FINESE, Silver	£1995
02	MINI COOPER, SILVER, PANORAMIC ROOF	SOLD
02	ROVER 25 IMPRESSION Silver, 46k	£1995
X	TRANSIT Diesel SWB	£2695
W	BMW 530 SE Diesel. Leather, Auto	£3895
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Pretty in pink – the Dales dealership Seat Mii 'Miinx' could be a winner for Breakthrough Breast Cancer

Oh Mii! Customised Seat city car proves a winner

Cornwall-based dealership Dales Seat has created a special version of the Mii city car that has proved so popular it is available to special order.

The Mii 'Miinx' is based on the Mii Sport with the 1.0-litre 75PS engine as standard, but adds an eye-catching pink gloss vinyl wrap matched to tinted lights for a highly individualised look.

Dales Seat then took to Twitter to come up with a name and although 'Miinky' found favour, 'Miinx' was eventually settled upon.

"One thing's for sure – the Miinx is a car that always provokes a strong reaction, good or bad," says sales manager Tom Rawlings.

"We've been absolutely overwhelmed by the response to the special edition since we launched it. From the day we first parked it outside our showroom, people have made a point of coming in to tell us what they think.

"The car's also divided opinion on Twitter. I tweeted a photo and within minutes hundreds of people were commenting about it."

Such is the interest that Dales Seat is taking orders, with a recommended price of £11,500.

Dales also plans to give £100 to the Breakthrough Breast Cancer charity for every car sold.

The Miinx gets all the standard equipment on a regular Mii Sport, including alloy wheels, sports suspension and air conditioning, plus the Seat Portable System as standard.

Changes to speeding laws could soon be on the way

Caught on camera – driving at speeds over 90 mph can lead to an appearance before magistrates

Plans have recently been announced by the Government to raise speed limits for HGVs, allowing them to potentially travel at 45mph or even 50mph on faster roads where the current limit is just 40mph.

While the financial and time-saving benefits are obvious, the cycling lobbies are, perhaps understandably, unhappy, suggesting that the change will result in more injuries and deaths.

Combine that with the mooted proposal to adopt EU legislation of an automatic assumption of responsibility of fault with the driver where there is a collision with a bicycle and a larger vehicle, and you have a recipe for disaster.

Commit a motoring offence at the most serious end of the scale, such as death by dangerous driving, and it is treated, quite rightly, as a severe criminal offence and will be dealt with as such.

Yet things such as speeding, running a red light or even something as potentially trivial as performing an illegal U-turn will net you three points and a fine, all of which effectively happens outside of the criminal justice system.

But there also exists a middle ground, where the upper end of the motoring offences scale starts to blur into the criminal system.

Get caught speeding above 90mph and rather than getting a fixed penalty the prosecuting constabulary can choose to send you to the magistrate.

You will have to make your case and while circumstances can be offered, you are at the mercy of the magistrate's discretion. Get banned, even for days rather than weeks, and the effect on your life can be dramatic.

If the Government's message is that speeding is wrong and dangerous, then we should be encouraged to drive to the best of our ability, not simply be punished for failing to do so.

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SPORT

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Mercian Regional Football League

Premier Division: Allscott 0, Hodnet 2; Ketley Bank Utd 1, Morda Utd 2.

Division one: Ketley Town 12 ,Wrockwardine Wood Juniors 0; Meole Brace 4, Shawbury Utd Reserves 0; Oswestry Boys Club 1, Madeley Sports 1; Prees V Bishops Castle Town (abandoned after 66 minutes due to serious injury); Rock Rovers 4, Clee Hill 1; Wroxeter Rovers 2, Oswestry Lions 1.

Division two: AFC Wellington 3, Claverley 4; Athletico Broseley 3, Madeley Sports Reserves 1; Highley Miners Welfare 2, Donnington Sports and Social 2; Impact Utd 5, Denso 1; Market Drayton Tigers 2, Edgmond Rangers 1; Oakengates Rangers 5, Spalaig Britannia 1; Randlay 2012 5, Albrighton Juniors 1; Wrockwardine Wood 2, Child Ercall 4.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Church Stretton	15	8	3	28	25	28
FC Hodnet	14	8	4	24	13	26
Morda United	12	7	2	28	14	24
Shifnal United 97	14	7	5	26	19	23
Oakengates Ath	14	6	6	31	25	20
AFC Ludlow	8	6	1	21	11	19
Ketley Bank Utd	15	6	8	22	32	19
Allscott	13	5	6	29	26	17
Telford Juniors	10	4	3	16	14	15
Wellington Ams R	13	4	7	18	26	14
Whitchurch Alp R	11	2	6	18	25	9
Weston Rhyn	13	2	9	12	26	8
Dawley Town	8	1	6	4	21	4

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ketley Town	16	15	1	91	21	45
Rock Rovers FC	14	10	1	63	24	33
Prees FC	14	11	3	60	25	33
Madeley Sports	15	10	3	49	16	32
Oswestry Lions	14	9	3	41	26	29
Bishops Castle T	14	8	3	50	27	27
Wroxeter Rovers	13	7	5	42	28	22
Brown Clee	14	6	7	31	32	19
Oswestry BC	14	5	6	27	26	18
Clee Hill	12	3	8	26	44	10
Meole Brace	15	3	11	24	57	10
Morda Utd Res	13	3	9	22	55	10
Hopesgate United	13	3	10	29	56	9
Shawbury Utd Res	16	2	14	11	70	6
Wrock Wood Jun	13	1	12	18	77	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Oakengates Ran	16	14	1	63	19	43
Childs Ercall	15	13	1	82	15	40
Market D'ton Tigers	15	11	2	35	15	35
Claverley	16	11	5	65	29	33
AFC Wellington	14	9	4	69	28	28
Athletico Broseley	15	9	5	49	31	28
Edgmond Rangers	15	7	6	44	24	26
Wrock Wood	14	7	6	49	27	22
Randlay 2012	14	7	6	40	31	22
Impact	16	7	9	33	42	21
Donnington S&S	14	6	5	35	32	18
Highley Miners	15	5	9	37	48	16
Madeley Sports Res	14	3	11	19	53	9
Spalaig Britannia	15	2	13	18	92	6
Albrighton Juniors	14	1	13	13	52	3
Denso	16	0	16	5	118	0

Spar Mid Wales League

Division one: Aberaeron 2, Carno 1; Aberystwyth Uni 6, Dyffryn Banw 1; Berriew 4, Bow Street 1; Dolgellau 0, Newbridge-on-Wye 1; Four Crosses 4, Tywyn Bryncrug 1; Llansantffraid Village 0, Llandidoes 2.

Division two: Aberdyfi 1, Talgarth 2; Knighton 2, Rhosgoch 2; Presteigne 1, Machynlleth 7.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Llanidloes	11	9	1	56	15	28
Four Crosses	12	8	1	32	12	27
Aberaeron	12	7	3	22	9	23
Builth Wells	12	7	3	26	24	23
Berriew	14	6	4	34	22	22
Waterloo	10	6	2	26	23	20
Llansantffraid	13	5	5	34	27	18
Newbridge	11	5	4	24	22	17
Aber Uni	11	5	5	26	23	16
Bow Street	11	4	4	31	28	15
Tywyn/Bryncrug	9	5	4	20	17	15
Montgomery	8	4	2	22	8	14
Carno	12	3	8	17	28	10
Welshpool	14	3	11	23	53	9
Dyffryn Banw	13	2	11	16	57	6
Dolgellau	13	1	12	11	52	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Llanfair Utd	9	9	0	35	3	27
Llandrindod Wells	9	8	1	27	6	24
Kerry	11	6	4	18	19	19
Talgarth	12	4	5	23	29	15
Presteigne	9	4	3	27	27	14
Hay St Marys	11	4	5	36	38	14
Rhosgoch	12	3	5	29	27	13
Knighton	10	3	4	26	20	12
Aberdyfi	12	3	7	25	42	11
Abermule	10	3	6	20	31	10
Bont	10	3	6	19	36	10
Llanfyllin	7	2	3	16	18	8
Machynlleth	8	2	5	18	23	7

Shropshire Chess League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Telepost A	6	5	0	20.5	8.5	11
Newport A	6	5	1	21	9	10
Shrewsbury A	6	3	1	18.5	11.5	8
Priorslee Lions A	6	2	2	17	13	6
Shifnal & Telford A	6	2	2	16	14	6
Church Stretton A	6	1	4	10.5	19.5	3
Shifnal & Telford B	6	1	5	10	20	2
Telepost B	6	1	5	5.5	23.5	2

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Newport B	5	4	0	17.5	7.5	9
Priorslee Lions B	4	4	0	12.5	7.5	8
Wellington A	4	3	0	15.5	4.5	7
Shrewsbury B	5	2	3	13.5	11.5	4
Telepost C	5	1	3	11	14	3
Ludlow A	5	1	3	10	15	3
Priorslee Lions C	5	1	4	8.5	16.5	2
Shifnal & Telford C	5	1	4	6.5	18.5	2

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Wellington B	5	3	0	13	7	8
Newport D	5	3	1	12.5	7.5	7
Shrewsbury C	5	2	1	12	8	6
Oswestry A	4	2	0	10	6	6
Oswestry B	5	1	2	9	11	4
Newport C	5	0	2	7.5	12.5	3
Shifnal & Telford D	5	0	3	7	13	2
Telepost D	4	0	2	5	11	2

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Rhyl	14	13	0	57	11	40
Caersws	14	11	2	45	10	34
Cefn Druids	14	9	2	31	13	30
Conwy Borough	14	8	3	23	16	27
Flint Town United	14	7	4	32	20	24
Holyhead Hotspur	14	7	6	27	27	22
Buckley Town	14	4	4	21	15	18
Porthmadog	14	5	6	23	22	18
Guilsfield	14	5	7	24	28	17
Penrhyncoch	14	4	6	19	29	16
Rhayader Town	14	4	8	22	33	14
Penycae	14	4	8	18	39	14
Rhydymwyn	14	3	7	25	47	13
Llanrhaeadr	14	2	8	16	46	10
Llandudno	14	2	9	11	31	9
Ruthin Town	14	2	10	22	29	8

Wales international passes on skills to pupils

Wales and Sale Sharks scrum-half Dwayne Peel passes on his expertise to some of the Ellesmere College pupils

LEGENDARY rugby union scrum-half Dwayne Peel dropped into a Shropshire school to give pupils a training session under his expert eye.

The most capped scrum-half for Wales and current Sale Sharks player enthused Ellesmere College pupils with some initiative training sessions and expert advice.

Dwayne made his professional club debut for Llanelli RFC before moving to the Llanelli Scarlets at its creation in 2003. He made his international debut for Wales in 2001 against Japan and has successfully achieved 76 caps for his country

Alex Murphy, Rugby Academy Coach at Ellesmere said: "Dwayne's visit and training session was very worthwhile for the boys who participated.

"It was very motivational and through emphasising the need for team play, he will certainly have had a good effect on all those involved."

Ellesmere will be hosting a sports academy day on Saturday, January 26, for anyone interested in meeting the coaches, understanding the sports academy philosophy and finding out about their sports scholarships.

Hockey teams facing tough battles against high-flyers

AFTER their game against Evesham was cancelled on Saturday, Oswestry men's team will be glad they are well rested ahead of their tough challenge against West Bromwich on Saturday.

With West Bromwich sitting fourth in the table this won't be any easy one for Oswestry. And West Bromwich will be looking to bounce back to winning ways after having recently lost to Pershore.

Oswestry them selves could do with a victory having lost their last two games.

The ladies team will hope to continue their run of success when they go up against Alderely Edge at home.

Oswestry are currently the dominant force in the division having won all eight of their matches.

Alderely are no pushovers though having only lost once.

At third in the table they will pose a good test and Oswestry will have to be on top form if they want the win here.

Unfortunately for Welshpool Ladies they were unable to play their match against Rhyl last weekend due to a frozen pitch.

Opponents

Having had two of their games cancelled so far their next game against Llandudno Ladies on December 1 will only be their fourth of the season so far.

It should be an easy for the Welshpool side as Llandudno are at the bottom of the table having lost every one of their games.

Oswestry Ladies braved the bad weather, beating Oxton 4-1.

The 15 strong Oswestry side brought plenty of support with them as they travelled to the Wirral to face their opponents on home turf. It was a shaky start for the Oswestry team and despite some good passing they were too indecisive.

Oxton quickly took advantage of their lack of cohesiveness, scoring their only goal early in the first half.

The goal from Oxton spurred Oswestry into action as they realised they needed to raise their game.

Taking possession they began to apply pressure on the Oxton goal as well as breaking down any attacks mounted by the home team.

Oswestry were rewarded for their continued pressure with a lifted goal from Sarah Lowe.

Having taken control of the playing field they were ready to take the lead.

But despite better work from Oswestry, Oxton were still in the game and kept their opponents on their toes.

Just before half time a strike from Sarah Haynes went in and this was followed by a goal from Tracey Royle, extending their lead to 1-3.

Going into the second half Oswestry dominated possession as Oxton went on the defensive.

It quickly paid off with Sarah Royle scoring another goal.

Oswestry were unable to take advantage of this initial success as their opponents sought to stop them from stretching their lead.

With Oxton determined to protect their goal, their attacks began to wane leaving keeper Liz Killen with little to do.

Continuing to play well, a few near misses almost saw Oswestry widen the margin.

Oxton never really worked their way back into the game and it ended in Oswestry's favour.

With this win Oswestry Ladies 1s retain their place at the top of the table.

They can expect a greater challenge next week as they face third placed Alderley Edge at Marches School.

HOCKEY
by Edward Roberts

Tables

ENER-G Midland League

WEST MIDLANDS 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ludlow	7	6	0	39	12	19
Pershore	8	6	1	31	13	19
Bromsgrove	7	5	0	41	9	17
West Bromwich	8	4	4	23	21	12
Barlaston	8	4	4	27	29	12
Yardley	9	4	5	24	54	12
Newtown	9	3	5	17	23	10
Oswestry	7	2	4	29	25	7
Evesham	7	2	5	13	25	6
Aston University	6	1	4	13	26	4
Rugeley	8	1	6	13	33	4

Midlands Ladies League

CHESHIRE 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Oswestry	8	8	0	55	7	24
Bollington	8	7	0	32	7	22
Alderley Edge III	8	5	1	22	9	17
Chester & District	8	4	2	14	9	14
Timperley III	8	3	4	17	20	10
Buckley	8	3	5	6	29	9
Wilmslow III	8	2	4	13	20	8
Oxton II	8	1	6	6	21	4
Winnington II	8	0	7	3	37	1
Newton-le-Willows	8	1	5	6	15	-1

WORCESTERSHIRE 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Harborne III	8	6	0	27	12	20
Worcester II	8	6	1	28	14	19
Bromsgrove	7	5	0	24	7	17
Old Silhillians	8	5	3	17	13	15
Tenbury	7	4	1	23	15	14
Redditch	8	3	4	16	16	10
Badsey	8	2	3	18	18	9
Bromsgrove II	8	1	6	7	18	4
Stourport III	8	1	7	7	25	3
Ludlow	8	0	8	3	32	0

Club celebrates its 60th season

Old Cae Glasians from the 1950s are, from left, Colin Perkins, Rusty Roberts, Mike Foulkes, Ron Griffiths, Phil Davies, Brian Richardson, Peter Richards, Peter Humphreys, Maldwyn Humphries and Dave Beattie.

Some of the current players with the scorebooks, from left, Mark Jones, Gareth Edgerton, Ruch Nimantha, Ian Holgate, Nick Underhill, Nick Chesters, Barry Vaughan.

Chairman Andy Griffiths, left, Patron Peter Humphreys and dinner organiser & 1st XI captain Keith Yapp check out press cuttings at the 60th season celebrations.

Players wives, back left, Kath Beattie, Dorothy Roberts, Beth Llewellyn, Mair Richardson. Front: Mabel Davies, Mavis Griffiths and June Humphreys (club president).

Nick Broadbent, centre, with some of the club's ladies, from left, Janet Marsden (vice-chairman), Helen Morris, Debbie Hipkiss and Tracey Edgerton.

IT WAS a big night for Cae Glas cricketers who celebrated the 60th anniversary season of the club at Oswestry's Wynnstay Hotel.

More than 100 past and present players along with guests spanning the last seven decades attended the a nostalgic night, sharing tales of the club both on and off the pitch.

Patron Peter Humphreys spoke of the club's 60-year history, from its early days, including the times playing at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital and Park Hall before locating to its home at Gatacre in the 70s, and the club's decision to join Shropshire League cricket.

MC for the night was first team captain Keith Yapp, the dinner organiser, while another speaker was club chairman Andy Griffiths who provided several amusing anecdotes, including tales from the renowned club tours.

The club's annual end of season player awards also took place during the night, along with a raffle and an auction.

In all, £1,210 was raised for club funds. The next event to be held by the club is a race night at Oswestry Cricket Club on Friday, March 15 next year.

Tables

English Clubs Championship

NATIONAL LEAGUE 3 MIDLANDS

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Sutton Coldfield	12	11	0	1	10	54
Ampthill	12	10	1	1	9	51
Nuneaton	12	9	1	2	8	46
South Leicester	12	9	0	3	8	44
Hinckley	12	6	1	5	8	34
Broadstreet	12	6	1	5	6	32
Sandbach	12	6	0	6	7	31
Bournville	12	5	0	7	9	29
Newport	12	5	0	7	7	27
Syston	12	4	1	7	6	24
Scunthorpe	12	5	0	7	3	23
Longton	12	4	0	8	7	23
Mansfield	12	1	1	10	5	11
Derby	12	0	0	12	4	4

MIDLANDS 1 WEST

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Worcester Wndrs	12	10	2	0	10	54
Old Halesonians	12	10	1	1	11	53
Lichfield	12	11	0	1	8	52
Burton	12	8	0	4	10	42
Whitchurch	12	8	0	4	5	37
Hereford	12	7	0	5	6	34
Stratford-up-Avon	12	7	0	5	6	34
Stoke on Trent	12	5	0	7	9	29
Walsall	12	4	1	7	8	26
Barkers Butts	12	3	0	9	5	17
Berkswell & Balsall	11	3	0	8	2	14
Ludlow	11	2	0	9	5	13
Northwich	12	2	0	10	3	11
Camp Hill	12	1	0	11	0	4

MIDLANDS 2 WEST (NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Wolverhampton	8	7	0	1	9	37
Silhillians	8	6	0	2	4	28
Moseley Oak	8	6	0	2	3	27
Old Saltleians	9	5	0	4	6	26
Leek	8	5	0	3	5	25
Stafford	8	4	0	4	4	20
Spartans	8	3	0	5	4	16
Veseyans	9	3	0	6	4	16
Bridgnorth	8	2	0	6	6	14
Aston Edwardians	8	2	0	6	4	12
Tamworth	8	2	0	6	1	9

MIDLANDS 3 WEST (NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Newcastle	9	6	1	2	6	32
Edwardians	9	6	1	2	5	31
Willenhall	9	6	0	3	5	29
Bloxwich	9	6	0	3	4	28
Burntwood	9	6	1	2	1	27
Handsworth	9	5	0	4	7	27
Stourbridge Lions	9	5	1	3	5	27
Wednesbury	9	5	0	4	6	26
Shrewsbury	9	2	0	7	6	14
Eccleshall	9	2	0	7	4	7
Cleobury Mortimer	9	1	0	8	0	4
Yardley & District	9	2	0	7	1	-1

MIDLANDS 4 WEST (NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Market Drayton	8	7	0	1	7	35
Tenbury	9	7	0	2	5	33
Cannock	8	7	0	1	3	32
Uttoxeter	8	5	0	3	8	28
Harborne	8	5	0	3	4	24
Barton-un-Needwd	8	3	0	5	4	16
Bishop's Castle	8	3	0	5	3	15
Five Ways OE	8	2	0	6	6	14
Bromyard	7	2	0	5	3	11
Clee Hill	8	2	1	5	0	10
Telford Hornets	8	0	1	7	1	-2

SOUTH LANCS/CHESHIRE DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Sefton	12	12	0	0	10	58
Douglas	12	11	0	1	8	52
Dukinfield	12	8	1	3	8	42
Liverpl Collegiate	12	7	0	5	9	37
Ormskirk	11	7	0	4	8	36
Vagabonds	12	6	1	5	9	35
Oswestry	12	6	1	5	4	30
Moore	12	5	0	7	4	24
Southport	12	4	1	7	5	23
Oldershaw	12	4	0	8	4	20
Marple	12	3	1	8	4	18
Ramsey	12	4	0	8	3	14
Wallasey	11	2	1	8	3	13
Buxton	12	1	0	11	4	8

Welshpool Dominoes

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Social Club A	11	9	2	54	23
Compasses	10	7	3	44	26
Pinewood A	10	7	3	43	27
Celts	10	6	4	42	28
Pinewood C	10	7	3	41	29
Waterloo	10	6	4	40	30
Pinewood Dragons	10	5	5	36	34
Sun Inn	10	4	6	33	37
G/Dragon Butt B	10	4	6	30	40
Bowling Club	11	4	7	29	48
Cock P/A	10	3	7	26	44
G/Dragon Butt A	10	2	8	25	45
Powis Arms P/Q	10	2	8	19	51

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A
Cock A	11	9	2	55	22
Railway	11	8	3	51	26
Westwood	11	8	3	49	28
Grapes	11	8	3	46	31
Kings Head	11	7	4	44	33
Talbot	11	6	5	41	36
Westwood Wand	11	5	6	36	41
Muriels Bunch	11	5	6	35	40
Horseshoe	11	5	6	34	41
Angel	11	5	6	33	44
The Real Railway	11	4	7	33	44
RAF Boys	11	4	7	32	45
Breidden	11	3	8	31	46
Wellington	11	0	11	17	60

North Shropshire Indoor Cricket League

	P	W	L	Pts
Norton in Hales	3	3	0	15
Grasshoppers	4	3	1	15
Shelton	2	2	0	10
Wem	2	2	0	10
Whitchurch	3	2	1	10
Council	4	2	2	10
Frankton	3	1	2	5
Alberbury	3	0	3	0
Knockin & Kinnerley	3	0	3	0
Oswestry	3	0	3	0

Golf returns

OSWESTRY Golf Club Ladies Competitions results: 6-6-6 Stableford 18 and 9 holes. 18 Holes: 1 Anne Davies, Marie Male, Julia Taylor 70pts, 2 Sheila Phillips, Jill Edwards, Maggie Brown 66pts, 3 Celia Pearce, Margaret Green, Tess Hyde 65pts.

9 Holes: 1 Anita Brock, Pauline Davies, Alma Barker 37pts, 2 Barbara Bewley, Eleanor Gooding, Peta James 28pts, Gina Hatt, George Hopkins, Julie Goff 28pts.

Llanymynech GC results Xmas Comp 7 – 4BBB Medal 1 Don Dawson & John H Jones net 59, 2 Chris Williams & Garry Pugh net 61, 3 Danny Tonks & Spencer Tomkins net 61.

SPORT

Boys Club battle it out for draw at high-flyers

OSWESTRY Boys Club are now four games without a win in the Mercian Regional League division one – but were more than happy with their performance in drawing 1-1 with high flying Madeley Sports.

After the previous week's postponement, the Boys Club were back in action in the rain and mud, but it was Madeley who started the better and caught the hosts cold when a cross from the left was hammered into the net.

The goal seemed to spark the Oswestry side into life and they began to press their visitors well, forcing them back and creating some of their own chances, noticeably when a terrific move and a cracking cross by Kyle Wilson was inches away from being converted by Ollie Canlett at the back post.

Again the Boys Club went forward and really kept the Madeley back line under pressure, with Ben Davies this time ghosting past players and getting a strike away.

Defensively, the hosts looked in control with Chris Johnson and Paul Clark forming a formidable partnership and keeping the visiting strikers at bay.

Outstanding

The Boys Club finally got the goal they deserved when they hit Madeley on the counter attack and a lovely through ball found Jamie Mitchell who advanced 20 yards before slotting past the keeper and into the bottom corner.

After the break, Madeley began to press but OBC were stood firm with man of the match Gwyn Davies putting in an outstanding performance, with some terrific challenges and also getting forward to trouble the visitors.

The Oswestry side were working very hard for each other and pushed Madeley into mistakes, Jamie Mitchell, Alex Clark and Danny Owen all having efforts at goal.

Madeley had the majority of play towards the end of the game but the home backline just would not be beaten with some great blocks and last ditch challenges.

With a draw a fair result, OBC were very happy with the way they played and how they pushed one of the top sides in the league again, with ever player in Yellow and Blue putting in a brilliant shift.

Youngsters win four in tournament

WELSHPOOL Rugby Club's under 8 team took part in a six-team tournament in Llanidloes on Sunday.

They won four of their games, against two Newtown sides (20-10 and 25-10), Dolgellau (30-10) and Llanidloes (30-15), and lost one to COBRA (15-30).

The youngsters played some of their best rugby, and were delighted to finally beat Llanidloes, who had consistently managed to be just a little better than them throughout the last 18 months.

In a closely-fought game, our Under 16s were defeated 12-0 by their Llanidloes counterparts. The victory was secured thanks to some slightly superior finishing.

This weekend the under 16s will be travelling to take on Glyn Ceiriog, whilst the under 11s will be taking on COBRA and Wrexham at COBRA.

Club boost for county blood group

COBRA rugby club handed over two cheques for £1,700 to the Shropshire Blood Group which they raised by a sponsored bike ride and a 40th birthday party. From left are Dr Alun Jones-Evans, Alan Jukes, Dr Nigel O'Connor (from the Blood Group), Barry Jones (whose 40th party helped raise the funds) and Philip Davies.

Morda hit back after early goal to win 4-1 and grab third place

ON-SONG Morda United lifted themselves up to third spot in the Mercian Regional League premier division in convincing fashion with a 4-1 win at Ketley Bank.

Gaz Meredith and Gaz Lewis both scored twice as Morda made it four wins on the bounce, and nine games in all competitions undefeated as they brushed aside their hosts.

The visitors were forced into several changes, and went into the game missing top scorer Dan Graham with a back injury.

And they soon found themselves a goal behind when Tom Coulson's poor pass was intercepted and the Ketley forward found the bottom corner from 25 yards with keeper Sam Jones unsighted.

Stung by the goal, Morda went on the attack, putting Ketley under pressure from open play and set pieces, and it was from a throw-in after 15 minutes from which they equalised.

Shin Miah took the throw and found Gaz Lewis who turned his marker before hitting a bending shot, which took a slight deflection before finding the bottom corner.

Morda were soon ahead when Meredith was fouled about 45 yards out, Miah delivered a great ball which Jason Williams met with a diving header straight at the keeper and Meredith was on hand to smash home the rebound.

The Weston Road side should have seen the game off but Ian Heathcock and Meredith both failed to take advantage of good opportunities, before a good save by Jones from a free kick ensured his side remained ahead at the break.

The second half was completely dominated by Morda but it took 20 minutes for the deciding third goal. A flowing counter attacking move resulted in Meredith moving the ball quickly to Kev McGarvey who ran at the back four before sliding a through ball to Lewis to smash home .

The fourth goal was not far behind, this time a long range shot from McGarvey was parried by the keeper and Meredith made no mistake.

The visitors had chances to make it five or six, with McGarvey twice going close, the first from a Lewis cross which was blocked, and the second a great curling cross from 20 yard which rattled the post.

The win lifted Morda into third place, four points off the top with games in hand.

MORDA reserves were frustrated by the wet weather as their home clash with Brown Clee in division was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Eagles dominate early on but return home empty handed

Ormskirk 33 Oswestry 20

OSWESTRY were left to reflect on what might have been as they returned home empty handed despite dominating the first half hour of this clash in rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire Two clash.

Another long trip to Lancashire saw The Eagles look well placed as they impressed in the first half only to be undone by a second half fightback as Ormskirk regained their composure.

For the second week running, Oswestry conceded a try within seconds of the kick off, this time a mix-up in midfield left a huge gap which allowed a breakaway converted home try.

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

As in the previous week, Oswestry immediately put this reversal behind them as they went on to dominate the scrum and setting up pressure on the home defence.

And they were soon back into the game when some neat passing across the line set up Rob Masson then Gareth Hughes who made it to the line before passing inside to the supporting Dan Samuels to score.

Ormskirk were immediately offside from the next play which saw Chris Crutchley added three points to put the visitors ahead.

By now it was all Oswestry and Andy Merritt, playing at fly half, broke the line with a huge sidestep and fed the ever supporting Samuels to score again, Crutchley converting.

It got even better when loose clearance kicking by Ormskirk allowed Gareth Morris to collect and feed Massam who found Hughes on the left who rounded his man to score.

Most of Lancashire could hear the home captain ripping into his men and they responded with two penalties before half-time.

And his strong words did the the trick as Ormskirk scored three more tries in the second half to turn the game on its head, one from an outrageous forward pass, plus one penalty.

Oswestry, as usual, battled right to the end, despite being down to 14 men for 10 minutes after a scuffle in midfield.

They still managed to take the game to the home side but their efforts were to no avail as they succumbed to their fifth defeat of the season.

Clash

Despite the loss, they remain in seventh spot, five points off sixth placed Vagabonds, but six points clear of Moore, the side just below them.

In all, the Eagles have won six, drawn one and lost five of their 12 games.

Without a league game this weekend, they face a stern test at home to Isle of Man side Douglas in their next action the following Saturday with their in-form visitors having lost just once this season.

Meanwhile, Oswestry's second string return to duty in the Raging Bull North West League division three (south) with a home clash against Bowdon on Saturday.

The Eagles will be looking to improve on their ninth place, but face a tricky assignment against a Bowdon side who are lying third, with just a couple of defeats.

Lions are out to roar back after shock away loss

OSWESTRY LIONS suffered a rare defeat in the Mercian Regional League division one when going down 2-1 on a sodden pitch at Wroxeter Rovers.

The border side had gone into the encounter on the back of an unbeaten eight match run in the league that has lifted them to fifth in the table.

But, despite their endeavours in tough conditions, they came undone, although boss Nick Maguire was full off praise for his players who worked tirelessly without getting their rewards.

Stung by the defeat, they will be looking to bounce straight back on Saturday when they host Brown Clee at Park Hall's Venue (2pm).

They started well enough last week, trying to keep possession as best they could on a poor surface, with Chris Bishop seeing an early chance from the edge of the box well saved while Graham Dyke was also denied with a low shot.

Bishop, with a deflected free kick from the edge of the box, was then foiled by the keeper's fingertips before Wroxeter went ahead with their first shot of the match that deceived keeper Broc Dawson as it hit the mud and trickled over the line.

The hosts soon doubled the lead when a fine 25-yard strike from their midfielder flew into the net to stun the Lions who could have gone further behind had Dawson not pulled off a terrific save.

The second half saw the Lions take the game to their opponents and soon went close to replying when Adam Jones saw his shot strike the keeper's trailing leg before somehow going over the bar.

Right back Kurt Smith was starting to find space down the right and was putting in some quality crosses, one of which was met by Bishop to reduce the deficit on the hour.

Dylan Ellis fired just wide while the Lions thought they had levelled when, after a goalmouth flurry, Ollie Jones was quickest to react to put the ball in the net, but it was ruled out of handball in a congested box.

As the Lions pushed forward late on looking for a leveller, Wroxeter were again denied by Dawson when through one on one.

Olympians star at league meeting

Cameron Van Onselen, on his way to race victory

Jimmy Kershaw, right, leading from the front in the under -17 men's five kilometre race at Much Wenlock

OSWESTRY Olympians produced plenty of fine individual and team performances in the the third meeting of the Shropshire Youth Athletes League held at Much Wenlock.

Sixteen-year-old Jimmy Kershaw led the way by winning the under-17 men's five kilometre race, incorporating steep terrain and boggy conditions, whilst Cameron Van Onselen followed his example by winning the under-13 boys race, leading from start to finish.

The under-11 boys, under-13 girls and under-13 boys teams all finished second on the day to put themselves in line for team medals at the end of the league series.

The final league meeting will be hosted by Bridgnorth on Sunday, December 9 and all cross country runners welcome.

Ellie Russell coming third in her race

Liam Rawlings on his way to second place

Races will be followed by medal presentations.

Results: U11G - Ellen Jones 8th, Esme Hughes 10th, Jessica Michie 12th, Kate Pugh 14th, Anna Holbrook 15th, Charlotte Brown 36th, Molly Curzon 39th. Team 3rd.

U11B - Liam Rawlings 2nd, Jack Jones 5th, Adam Oliver 11th, Ben Pierce 13th, Lucas Lane 14th, Ioan Delahay 40th. Team 2nd.

U13G - Ellie Russell 3rd, Zara Baker 11th, Anna Swannick 17th, Charlotte Pugh 19th, Lily Roberts 23rd. Team 2nd. U13B - Cameron Van Onselen 1st, Ben Edwards 5th, Charlie Digby 9th, Tom Shelton 20th. Team 2nd. U15G - Hannah Pryce 7th. Team 8th. U17M - Jimmy Kershaw 1st. Team 4th.

Pete fishes his way to final league match win

THE final Claypit winter league match on Sunday, November 18 was won by Pete Derbyshire (Weston) with 8-10 from peg 10 on the tip for carp.

Second was John Doxon (Weston) 8-3 peg 22 and third was Graham Thomas (Deggys) 7-8 peg 1.

The overall winner was Dave Evans (Deggys) 12 points followed by Graham Thomas (Deggys) 15 points, Jason Andrews (Weston) 21 points and Andy Philbin Weston) 22 points.

The match on Tuesday, November 20 saw Jeff Hartson (Weston) win with 47-14 peg 16M.

Second spot went to Eric Taylor (Pilsworth) 40-8 peg 14 Weir while Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) 38-8 peg 42C was third.

Colin Roberts (Weston) 36-8 peg 29C fished in the margins for carp and f1s to win the Wednesday match for the over 55s. Close behind was Mike Ellis (Weston) 32-2 peg 34C and then Mike Buttery (Wem) 30-8 peg 16T.

Friday's over 55s was won by Mike Buttery (Wem) 30-4 peg 12M Fished 8m pole on the maggot for carp and tench. Second was Nick East (Weston) 29-0 peg 7M and in third place was Bernie Peake (wem) 22-14 peg 27M.

Saturday's match resulted in a win for Mike Philbin (Weston) 29-9 peg6B Fished pellet for carp to 1.5lb. Cliff Barbour (Patricroft) was second with 29-5 peg 23M and he was followed by Alun Jones (Weston) 26-11 peg 34C.

On Sunday claypit fished the Wilfred Owen top pool and Arther Wood (Weston) won with 22-7 peg 3 fished long pole maggot and pellet for roach and F1s.

Mike Ellis (Weston) 14-14 peg 6 was second followed by John Oliver (Weston) 5-10 peg 17. The Weston open on Sunday was won by Mark Pleavin (Weston) 30-00 peg 16B. He fished pole maggot and pellet for all small carp. second was Barry Gabriel (weston) 26-4 peg 26M while Jeff Grantham (Rod n reel) 23-14 peg 27B came in third.

Under 8s hit nine in high noon showdown

OSWESTRY under 8s had a high noon kick off away to Llanymynech and were soon 0-1 up through Ben Frost.

Llanymynech then made it 1-1 but Oswestry scored two more before half time. Oswestry then excelled in the second half scoring another six to Llanymynech's 1 to win the match 9-2.

Scorers were Harry Darley 1, Ben Frost 3, Alfie Herd 1, Liam Smyth 1, Joseph Davies 1, Sam Owen 2 with man of the match Oscar Herd.

Oswestry Boys and Girls Club U10 Eagles put 10 past Llanymynech and Worthen U10 Girls in the girls first ever match.

Scorers were Ellie Potts 3, Celina Wells 3, Bethan Jones 2, Amy Aldwinckle 1, Katie Evans 1. Girl of the match was Bethan Jones.

Oswestry under 13 boys were knocked out of of the county cup by last year's winners Shifnal for the second year in succession.

Shifnal took the lead after 30 minutes and although Oswestry dominated the second half they couldn't find the net.

Man of the match was Harry Pritchard

Oswestry under 15 boys took on Market Drayton Tigers at Park Hall in what was a tough match between two good sides.

The home side deservedly went in front with a Sam Lewis long range free kick.

Early in the second half a defensive mix up allowed Drayton to equalise but Oswestry then stepped up the pressure scored the winner through Nick Crouch.

Captain Otto Smith was man of the match.

SPORT

Thomas leads the way as Guilsfield go on a goal rampage

THE goals flowed as Guilsfield boosted their hopes of climbing into the upper reaches of the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance with a 7-3 home hammering of struggling Rhydymwyn.

Will Thomas led the charge by scoring four times, including a hat-trick in the first 24 minutes, while Gareth Jones, Chris Cathrall and Martyn Ziemann also found the net in the last 15 minutes.

The Guils, who were 4-0 up at half time, would have been disappointed to concede three times as Sam Roberts, Dan Nolan and Dave Bryan, with the last kick of the game, netted well-struck replies for the visitors.

But the victory and the amount of chances created would have heartened manager Russell Cadwallader and his side who will be looking for a run of more consistent results as they head for a tricky trip to mid-table rivals Penrhyncoch on Saturday.

"It was pretty comfortable and it could have been more," said Cadwallader.

"Will looked sharp and it was only a matter of time before he scored some goals.

"We started well, they were pretty poor and they looked quite dispirited once we had score a couple of goals. They came back well with some good goals but the game was over by then.

"However, we now need to push on as we are in that mid position in the table now where it could go either way. A couple of wins and we're right up the table, and a couple of defeats would send us back down the table.

"We've now got Penrhyncoch twice in the next two weeks which are going to be massive games as they're just one place below us in the table."

With Rhydymwyn slow to get out of the blocks, Guilsfield took full advantage as they went ahead in the second minute as Thomas planted a fine free kick into the top right hand corner of the net from just outside the box.

Gareth Jones then doubled the advantage when firing home after a knock-down by Danny Barton before two quick fire goals on 22 and 24 minutes saw Thomas complete his hat-trick for a 4-0 interval lead.

Thomas bagged his fourth two minutes into the second period before Sam Roberts pulled one back for Rhydymwyn on 55 minutes.

Conditions

The chances were coming thick and fast with Danny Barton going close to finding the net, hitting the woodwork and having a couple of other efforts cleared in scrambles.

Cathrall did find the net in somewhat fortuitous circumstances when his shot rebounded off a defender and bounced back off the Guilsfield player before ending up in the net.

Ziemann completed the home tally eight minutes from time with a close range effort after a slip up from the visiting keeper.

Rhydymwyn, to their credit, kept going and, after pulling back a second with another fine strike from Nolan, they had the last word when Bryan crashed home his shot in the last minute of the match.

Third bottom LLANRHAEADR continue to toil in the Cymru Alliance after suffering a 3-0 home loss to Conwy Borough – and now brace themselves for two crunch clashes against fellow strugglers Llandudno in the coming weeks.

The young villagers battled hard in the increasingly heavy conditions, with Josh Wood going close with a couple of headed efforts in the first half, one of which was cleared off the line.

But Conwy proved more clinical in front of goal, with Lloyd Ellams neatly slotting home a left wing cross after just nine minutes.

Once Lee Davey had doubled the lead six minutes before half time it was always going to be difficult for Llanrhaeadr in the rainswept conditions.

And there was effectively no way back once Scott Beckett netted a third goal 10 minutes into the second half when latching onto a rebound after keeper Lee Davies had only parried the ball away.

The hosts kept going in trying conditions, but a strong Conwy side fully deserved to return with the spoils,

leaving Llanrhaeadr with plenty to do in the coming weeks if they are to lift their basement concerns.

They now visit Llandudno on Saturday, with the seasiders struggling following management changes at the club.

They then host the same side in a rearranged clash the following week.

Saints are left stunned by second shock home defeat

The New Saints 0 Carmarthen Town 3

LOWLY Carmarthen made a mockery of Welsh Premier League positions as The New Saints crashed to a second shock home defeat of the season.

Having been undone by Newtown the previous month, the defending champions again came unstuck against one of the league's lower sides as they slipped into third spot at a rain-drenched Park Hall.

Having comfortably defeated Carmarthen in their four previous visits, the Saints were fancied to maintain that trend as they looked to build on their own recent run of form that had yielded 11 goals.

FOOTBALL
by John Bridgwater

Yet, despite having plenty of possession, they were stunned by the spirited West Walians who struck twice early on through Paul Fowler and Nicky Palmer before settling the issue 15 minutes from time through Liam Thomas' ninth goal of the campaign.

The surprise defeat leaves TNS three points behind new leaders Bangor City who were 3-2 winners at Afan Lido through Sion Edwards, Liam Brownhill and an own goal from keeper Chris Curtis.

And they now find themselves third, two points behind Prestatyn who were 1-0 winners against Bala Town, while Airbus UK consolidated their place in the top four after their 5-0 thrashing of Port Talbot.

And Saints head coach Carl Darlington admits the defending champions need to become far more ruthless, both going forward and in defence.

"Their keeper Stephen Cann played fantastically well, he made good saves both from close range and from distance, but we were not clinical enough in our play," he said.

"We had some great possession, created over 10 good chances, but did not take any of them which is not good enough.

"It's not just the forwards, it's also the midfielders who are not taking the chances which has been the story of our season.

Possession

"When we're attacking and lose possession, we're not always quick to react and sometimes switch off and take things for granted, which is something else we have to work on."

Despite their opportunities and possession, the Saints were found wanting as a combination of good saves from keeper Stephen Cann and some poor finishing and final ball combined to make it a frustrating day.

The last time Carmarthen found the net at Park Hall was back in February 2008, but it took them just two minutes to open their account through Fowler's free kick.

And the hosts were further stunned on 18 minutes when, against the run of play, Palmer doubled the lead as he neatly slotted past keeper Paul Harrison after being put clear.

Despite failing to hit top gear, the Saints bossed possession in the rain but were met by plucky resistance from the well-organised visitors who made a mockery of their lowly league position.

Chris Seargeant fired wide after a fine run, Chris Jones was also off target from outside the box and Phil Baker headed over as the Oswestry men pressed to no avail.

TNS emerged for the second half with renewed purpose but their endeavours were again met by defiance from the visitors who held firm, quite happy to defend deep.

Aeron Edwards and Ryan Fraughan were both denied by terrific saves from keeper Cann, Seargeant fired straight at the keeper and Steve Evans shot over from a tight angle as TNS cranked up the pressure.

But Carmarthen continued to hold firm and, on 75 minutes, struck a killer blow on the break as Thomas was released by Liam McCreesh and drilled his angled shot past keeper Paul Harrison to give the visitors an unlikely three goal lead.

Sub Matty Williams headed straight at Cann as the Oswestry men were sparked into life late on, Chris Jones fired over and sub Greg Draper also forced a couple of good saves.

Finley and Seargeant were both denied by further good work by Cann, while Draper crashed a shot over from 10 yards to cap a frustrating afternoon for the Saints.

TNS's Aeron Edwards and Carmarthen Town's Paul Fowler battle for the ball

Chris Seargeant goes close for The New Saints in their home defeat by Carmarthen

Ex-TNS players find new clubs

TWO former TNS players, Luke Holden and Richie Partridge, have now linked up with new clubs.

Journeyman Holden, the former Saints winger, has now joined Conference North side Colwyn Bay.

The left-sided forward, 24, was a Liverpool youth and Tranmere Rovers trainee, before impressing in pre-season games and signing for TNS in August 2007.

Released in April 2008 after making 22 first team starts, he followed manager Ken McKenna to Cammell Laird and also played at Bradford Park Avenue before returning to the Welsh Premier with Rhyl in January 2009.

Holden then attracted the interest of Coventry City in the close season but, after failing to agree personal terms, joined Charlton Athletic on loan on transfer deadline day.

He then signed for Wrexham on an emergency loan deal on 1 February 2010 after the Addicks decided not to offer a permanent contract.

Holden made a surprise return to the Saints in January from Chester but made just one Welsh Premier appearance for a career total of 33 with Rhyl and TNS.

Injury

Meanwhile, winger Partridge, the former Liverpool trainee and Irish under-21 international, has joined Welsh Premier rivals Airbus.

The 32-year-old winger, the brother in law of ex-Liverpool ace Michael Owen, hit 11 goals from 26 Welsh Premier appearances before quitting with an injury at the end of the 2010/11 campaign.

Four Crosses maintain title pressure with home victory

FOUR CROSSES kept up the pressure on the Spar Mid Wales League division one leaders with a 4-1 home verdict against Tywyn Bryncrug.

Having lost pole position earlier in the week to Llanidloes Town, Nick Popyk's side showed they still mean business in the title chase with a comfortable success.

Jack Harris put Crosses on course with an opener after superb team move, Ben Oakley netted twice while Owain Wilcox bagged the fourth.

Llanidloes Town, who won 7-3 against Aberystwyth University to move top of the table a few days earlier, consolidated their place at the summit with a 2-0 success at **LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE** with goals in each half from Richie Evans and Tom Goodwin.

Aberaeron are up to third after seeing off Carno 2-1 courtesy of a brace from Gaz Evans.

WATERLOO ROVERS saw their hopes of making up more ground on the leaders frustrated by the wet weather as their clash at Builth Wells was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Two goals from Will Gittins helped **BERRIEW** to a 4-1 home victory over Bow Street, Adam Williams and Luke Evans also finding the net.

At the other end of the table, second bottom **DYFFRYN BANW** remain in basement danger after crashing 6-1 at Aberystwyth University.

Banw made a shocking start, finding themselves five goals down inside the first 35 minutes, with home striker Tom Sparks netting four of the goals.

But the visitors made a fight of it in the second period, and gained a consolation with a penalty. The students, however, had the last word with a 40-yard screamer from Gareth Thomas, while Celt Iwan also found the net.

A deflected strike from Lee Furnyeaux was enough to sentenced table propping Dolgellau to a 1-0 home reverse to Newbridge.

Top three teams see matches called off

LLANFAIR UNITED, going great guns at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division two, saw their progress held in check as their trip to Bont was called off due to a waterlogged pitch following heavy rain.

Looking to bounce back from their FAW Trophy defeat against Llanberis the previous week, Rhys Stephens' men were left kicking their heels as the game succumbed to a morning pitch inspection.

However, its as you were at the top as the leading trio were all sidelined by the weekend deluge, with second placed Llanrindod Wells seeing their clash at Abermule called off following the rain.

It means that Llanfair still hold a three point lead at the top, having won all nine games for a 100 per cent record, and in the process have scored 35 goals while conceding just three.

Kerry, in third, were unable to take advantage by closing the gap on the leading duo as their home meeting with second bottom **LLANFYLLIN** also bowed to the weather.

Talgarth are up to third with a 2-1 win at Aberdyfi, while basement side Machynlleth boosted their hopes of climbing away from trouble with a 7-1 rout at Presteigne.

In the day's other action, mid-table Knighton Town shared a 2-2 draw with Rhosgoch.

Llandrinio extend lead after winning 6-5 thriller

LLANDRINIO opened up a two point lead at the top of the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division two with a thrilling 6-5 win over close rivals Abermule reserves.

A hat-trick from Luke Weaver helped settle the top of the table encounter in favour of the home side, with Alex Woodvine netting twice and Dave Walton bagging the other.

Abermule, who are third in the table, stayed in the hunt through Dave Anthony's brace, and further goals from Ricky Davies, Lewys Sim and Keiron Trow.

Promotion hopefuls Newtown Wanderers, lying second, were frustrated by a 1-1 draw against visiting Kerry reserves whose Keiron Chaney earned his side a share of the spoils.

LLANSANTFFRAID reserves eased their basement worries in the Honda division one with a welcome 1-0 win at **LLANFECHAIN**, with an own goal deciding the encounter.

MEIFOD maintained their revival by winning 5-3 at Llangedwyn.

Their goals were shared between Haydn Langford, Lewis Lewis, Rob Evans, Alun Hughes and Phil Hughes.

On the mark for the home side were Mark Jones, Paul Buckley and Rich Evans.

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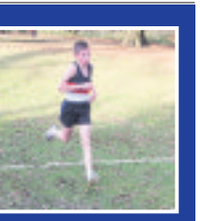

Town are hoping to climb up the table

WELSHPOOL TOWN hope to return to the pitch on Saturday as they bid for much-needed points in the Spar Mid Wales League division one when they take on Aberaeron at Maesydre.

Without any scheduled action last week, the Lilywhites remain third from bottom with nine points from 15 games, but will have their sights on overtaking Carno who lie one place and one point above them.

Following recent improved displays and a stronger squad at their disposal, Pool will be hopeful of making inroads up the table in coming weeks but, weather permitting, face a tricky clash with Aberaeron who lie in third spot.

After their clash at Builth Wells was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch, WATERLOO ROVERS will be raring to go for Saturday's scheduled trip to struggling Dyffryn Banw as they bid to keep in touch with the leading pack.

Waterloo are sixth, but have games in hand on all the sides above them, and have played four fewer than Berriew who are one one place above.

It has been a tough campaign for Banw, who have just six points to show from their 15 games to remain in the bottom two.

Title rivals next up for the ladies

UNBEATEN Oswestry ladies continue to set a hot pace at the top of hockey's Cheshire Ladies League division three after making it eight straight wins with a 4-1 success at Oxton.

The border side have rattled in no fewer than 55 goals, but have yet to shake off second placed Bollington who are two points behind, with seven wins and a draw from their eight outings.

On Saturday, Oswestry will be out to maintain their momentum when they host third placed Alderley Edge at Marches School.

The visitors have won five of their eight games, and drawn two, with just one defeat, to trail their hosts by seven points.

Oswestry men had no action in the West Midlands League division two after their clash with Evesham was cancelled, while the second string have finished for their Christmas break.

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FIFA red tape row forces league to cancel entire fixture list

FEARS GROW OVER SUNDAY FOOTBALL

SUNDAY football in the Oswestry area faces an uncertain future after a league was forced to cancel its entire fixture programme following a FIFA ruling on international clearance.

Already, the Black Lion Colts have resigned over the situation while two other clubs, Oswestry Bell and the Oak Inn are contemplating their futures.

Due to the Shropshire FA's insistence that all leagues in the county comply with the FIFA ruling regarding international clearance, all fixtures in the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League were called off last weekend – and have been suspended until Sunday, December 9.

And league secretary Roger Candlin admits the new ruling – that stipulates players cannot play football in England and Wales at the same time – has now cast a big headache for clubs, players and organisers alike. "It's a crazy situation at this level of football, with players either having a choice to play in Wales on a Saturday or England on a Sunday. We've fought our corner but the Shropshire FA insist we apply the FIFA ruling," he said.

"Under the ruling, several teams could not raise teams last Sunday, so it was decided to call off fixtures for two weeks to give them time to either gain international clearance or sign eligible players so they can continue in the league.

"After Black Lion resigned, we've now got nine teams, and if we lose another two then it would not be viable to continue, but I am still optimistic that something can be worked out."

He added: "International clearance issues have been rumbling on since I took over as secretary 18 years ago, but have always gone away without any problems.

"With our league more affected than most as we're right on the border, there are a lot of grey areas, it's not black and white."

The FIFA rule states that any player over the age of 12 who plays football in Wales cannot, in any circumstances, play football in England at the same time.

By Johhn Bridgwater

Problems

The North Shropshire Sunday League has approximately 60 players who either play or live in Wales.

Other border leagues are also certain to be affected, including the Shrewsbury Sunday League and the Mercian Regional League as they draw on players from both England and Wales.

Candlin has been in contact with an FA member at Wembley who understands the difficulties, and says there will be attempts to work something out.

"He can see the problems, but I don't know what he can do as the directive has come from FIFA."

Black Lion Colts have resigned as they will be unable to raise a side, while Oswestry Bell and the high flying Oak Inn are also heavily affected as they have several players who either play or live in Wales.

"It's the league's 40th anniversary next year but instead of celebrating that landmark, it's all we can do to hang on to the league," added Candlin. "This is grass roots football gone barmy."

The problems with border clearance are aptly illustrated by Trefonen who play in the Montgomeryshire League but are based in Shropshire, and Llanymynech where half the village is in England and then other half in Wales.

Morda face tough test in Cup clash

UNBEATEN in their last nine games, Morda United put their good form to the test on Saturday when they host Haughmond in the second round of the Shropshire County Challenge Cup (1.30pm).

It's a tough task for the Weston Road side against their higher ranked West Midlands League division one visitors, who are one of the favourites to lift the trophy.

But, after four successive wins in the Mercian Regional League premier division, and nine games in total unbeaten, Morda can approach the tie with confidence.

"I know a lot of the Haughmond lads and it's a game we can go out and enjoy without the pressures of the league," said manager Craig Rogers whose side reached the final last season. Top scorer Dan Graham is the main injury worry with a back problem.

The cup tie marks the beginning of a massive three weeks for the Weston Road club who face a crunch clash with title rivals AFC Ludlow in the Mercian League the following Saturday before visiting Oakengates the week after that as they bid to avenge a home loss earlier in the season.

WESTON RHYN also face tough task in the cup when they take a break from their league struggles to welcome Wem in the second round. Like Haughmond, Wem also play in the West Midlands League division one, and currently lie in second spot.

Morda reserves, whose home fixture against Brown Clee in the Mercian League division one was a victim of last weekend's wet weather, will not have to travel too far on Saturday when they face neighbours Oswestry Boys' Club at Park Hall (2pm).

Saints plan Bangor bounce back

TNS's Phil Baker and Carmarthen Town's Liam Thomas battle for the ball

AFTER suffering more home horrors, head coach Carl Darlington is confident The New Saints can lift themselves for Saturday's televised top of the table showdown at new Welsh Premier leaders Bangor City.

For the second time this season, the Saints succumbed to lower league opposition on home surrounds when shocked 3-0 by Carmarthen Town who scored their first goals at Park Hall in four and a half years.

But Darlington insists the Saints will shrug off that surprise setback when they head to Bangor on Saturday for the Welsh Premier's game of the day which will be screened live on S4C (5pm). Last Saturday's reverse saw the defending champions lose pole position to this weekend's opponents who capitalised with a 3-2 win at Afan Lido to go three points clear.

In fact, TNS are now in third spot, two points behind Prestatyn, and the Oswestry men know there is no room for slip-ups at the Nantporth Stadium.

"The Carmarthen result was naturally disappointing, particularly after scoring six goals against Llanelli the week before, but that sums up our season," said Darlington.

"Our mentality was right, we had a lot of possession and had over 10 good chances, but we were not clinical enough in our finishing.

"That's not good enough, and we'll be working hard to put that right."

Darlington believes last weekend's shock result will count for little when the Saints come face to face with Bangor on Saturday.

"Earlier in the season we drew 0-0 at Carmarthen, and people were saying that was a poor result, but we bounced back to win 3-0 against Bangor ," he added.

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Welsh Premier League

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bangor City	15	10	3	40	18	32
Prestatyn	15	9	2	38	25	31
TNS	15	9	4	32	12	29
Airbus UK	15	8	5	41	19	26
Bala Town	15	6	6	23	23	21
Connah's Quay	15	7	8	33	37	21
Port Talbot	15	5	6	25	29	19
Carmarthen Town	15	5	7	19	26	18
Aberystwyrth	15	5	7	22	36	18
Newtown AFC	15	4	7	22	33	16
Llanelli AFC	15	4	7	17	34	16
Afan Lido	15	2	12	26	46	7

Crosses in move to join Alliance

AMBITIOUS Four Crosses will apply for promotion to the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance, it was decided at a club meeting this week.

Nick Popyk's side have made a storming start to their first season in the Spar Mid Wales League division one, and are second behind leaders Llanidloes Town.

"It's always been our intention to apply for the Cymru Alliance, maybe it has come one or two seasons earlier than we the expected, but were are an ambitious club and we will be applying before the deadline on December 31," said Popyk.

Four Crosses, who have lost just once this season in the league, believe they can give favourites Llanidloes a run for their money.

And, should they be in the frame for promotion, they are confident they can get their Foxen Manor ground ready to meet the criteria to play in the Cymru Alliance.

Changes

Meanwhile, Four Crosses, who host Montgomery on Saturday, kept up the pressure on the leaders with a 4-1 win over Tywyn Bryncrug, helped by a brace from Ben Oakley.

"It was a good win as Tywyn had been going well and could have caught us had they won," added Popyk who this week bolstered his squad by signing Shawbury midfielder Eddie Knox.

"We worked hard and showed the right attitude."

Crosses dominated the first half against Tywyn, and took the lead through Jack Harris and Oakley then made it 2-0 with a low drive into the bottom corner.

Tywyn pulled one back early in the second period and the hosts then had to ring the changes after having centre half Ryan Morris sent off while losing fellow centre back Paul Bache with a ribs injury.

Scott Bright came on up front, and Oakley switched to defence, and marked his move by before chipping the keeper into the top corner.

Tywyn had their keeper sent off after fouling Scott Jones outside the box before sub Owen Wilcock made it 4-1 from a Matty Jones cross.

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